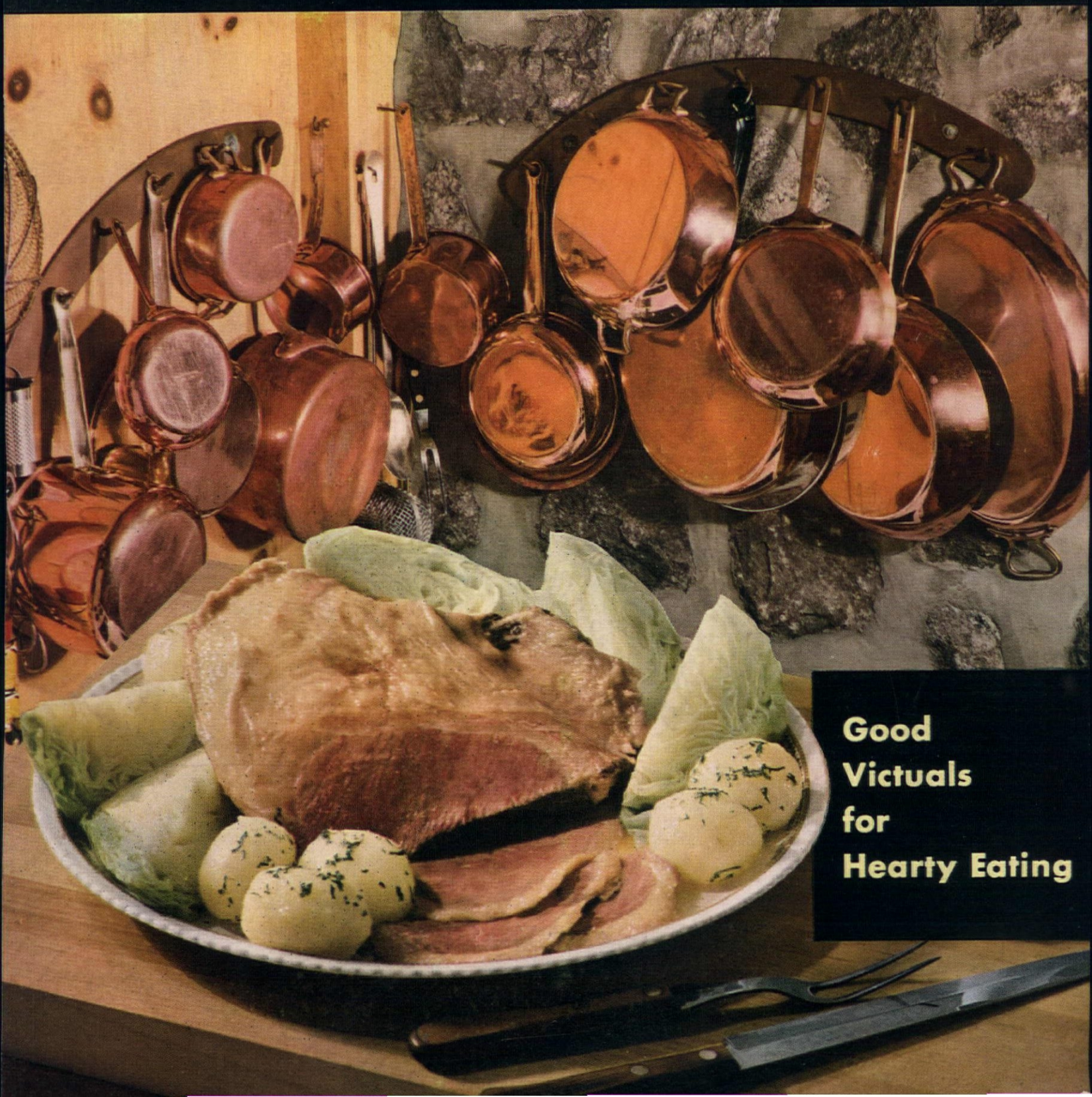
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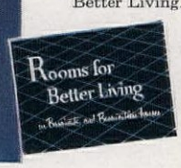


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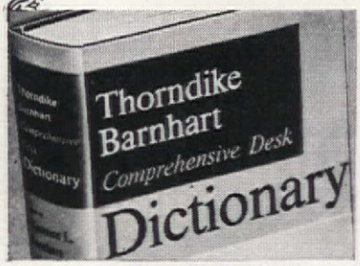


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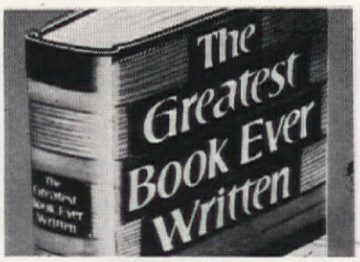
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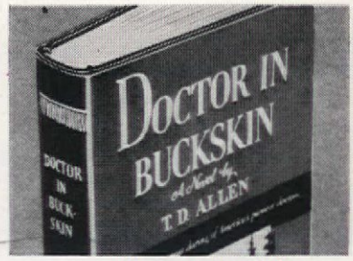
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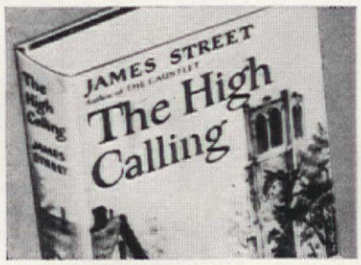
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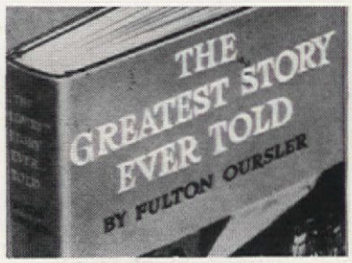
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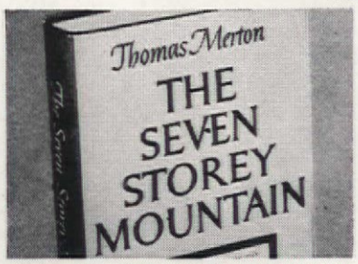
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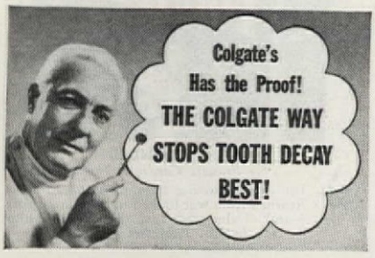
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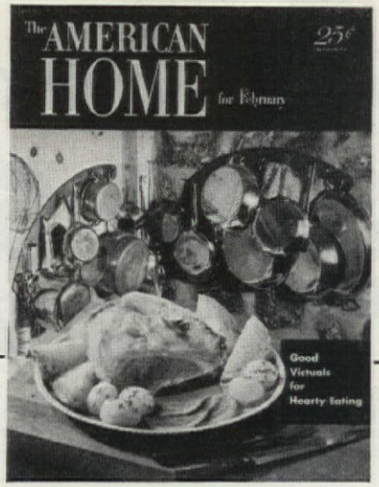


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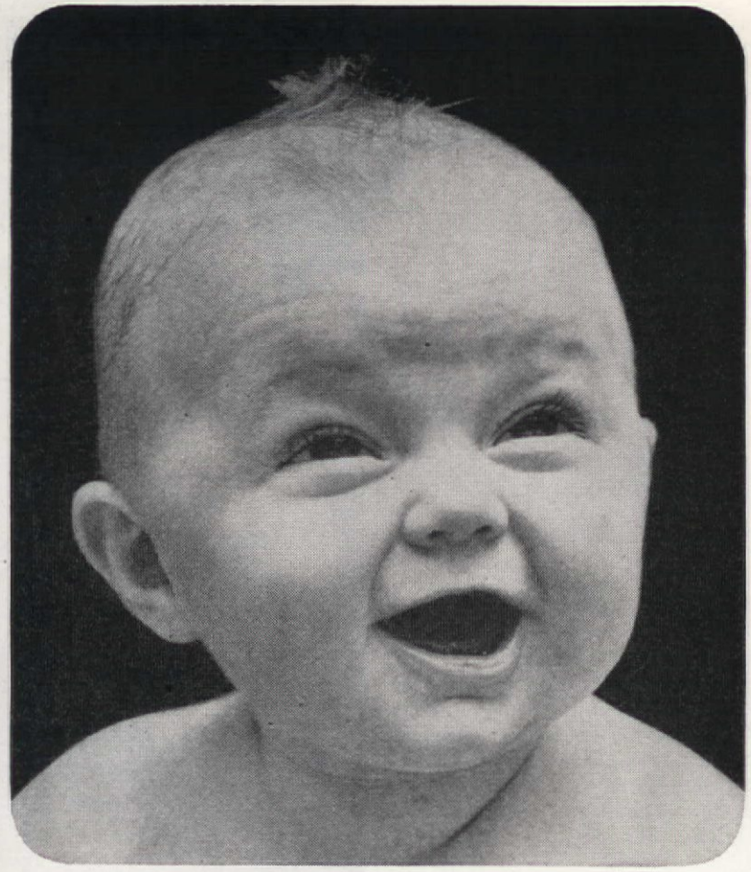
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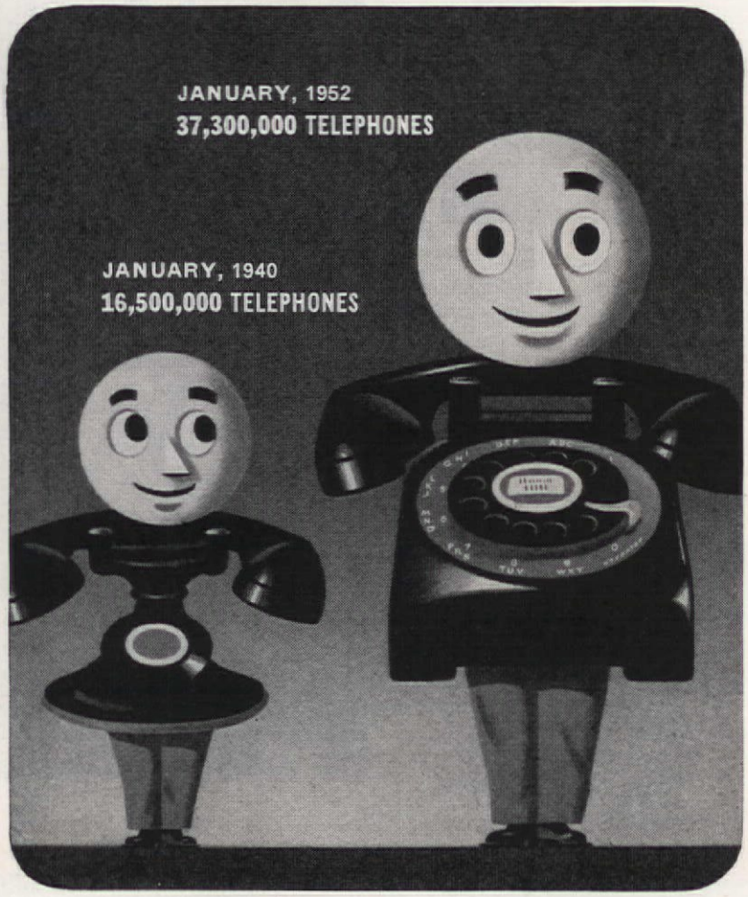
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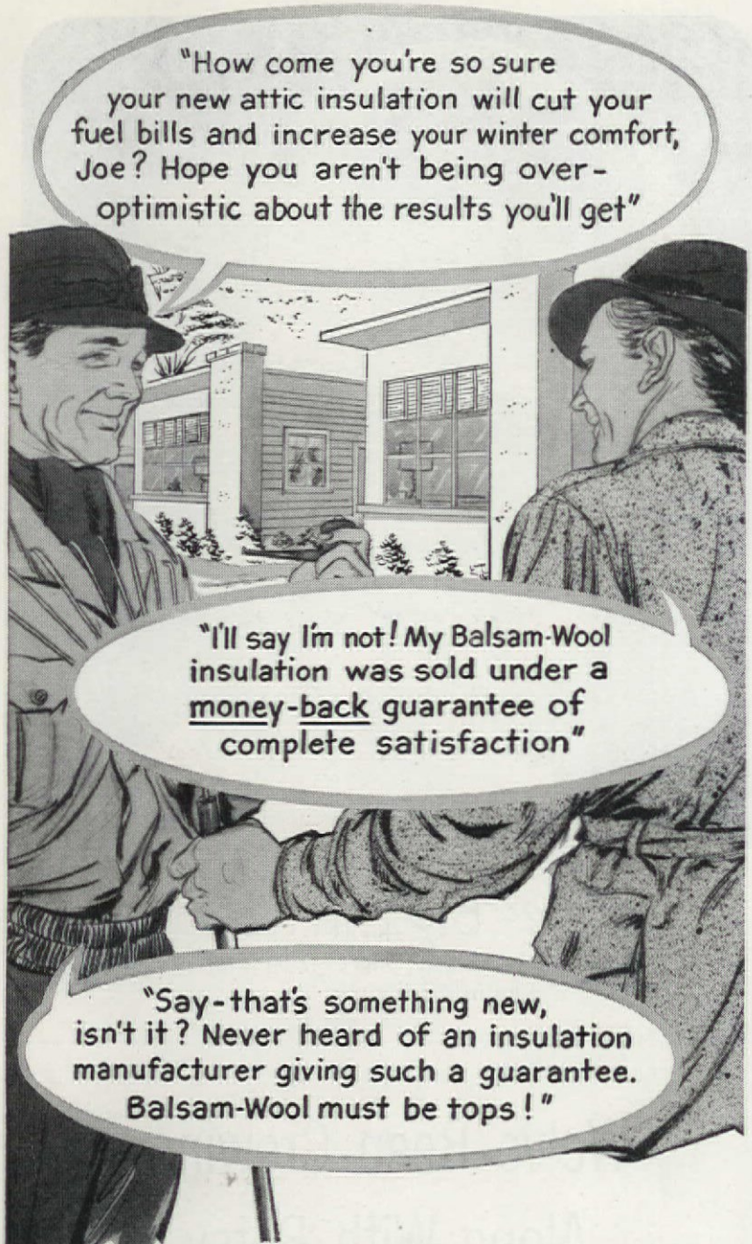
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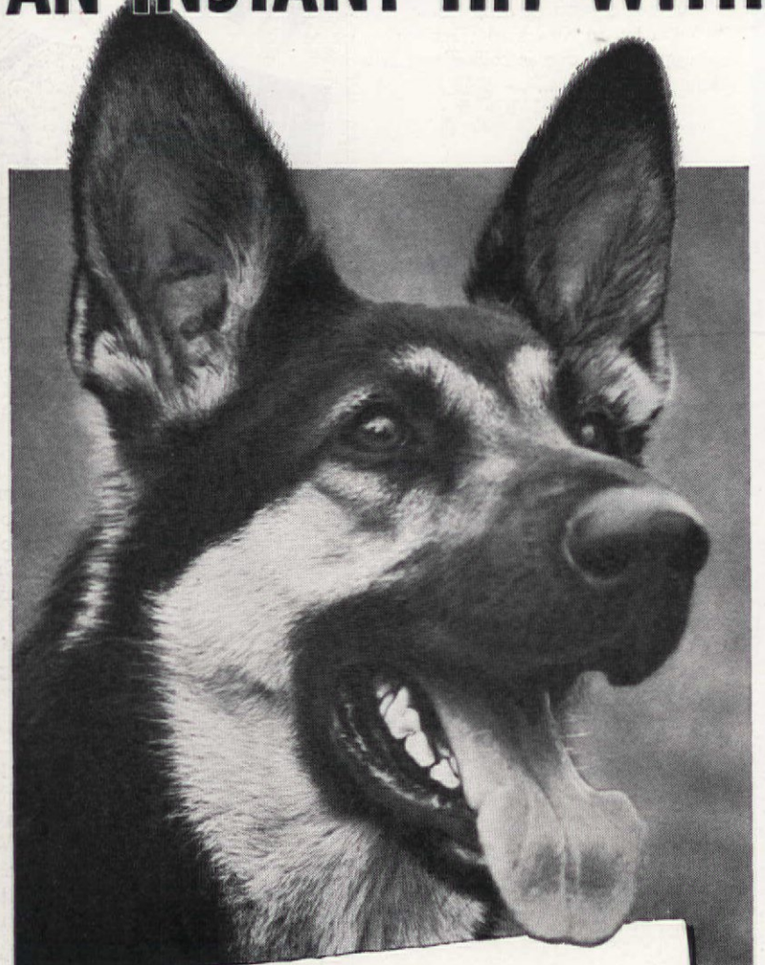
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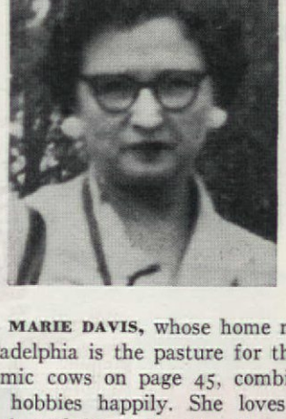
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handsome rug designs in one of the most inspiring studios in Manhattan —her penthouse office atop the Textile Building. Now fashion director and designer for James Lees & Sons, the yarn manufacturers, she received her training at the Art Institute of Chicago and did her first professional work in the Chicago area. Her marriage to a well-known illustrator brought her to New York. Her hobby, an appropriate one, is collecting Early American antiques.



. . . **ANNE K. TRAUTWEIN** calls rug hooking "one of my hobbies" (along with piano, crocheting, knitting, embroidering, sewing, painting). Actually, she's a professional, for not only has she contributed rug designs to us, but rugs of her own design and workmanship can be found in homes from Alaska to Texas, and in several New York department stores. It all started when she needed a new rug for her Long Island home—she made one which won a first prize!



. . . **MARIE DAVIS,** whose home near Philadelphia is the pasture for those ceramic cows on page 45, combines two hobbies happily. She loves to travel, and her trips give her new places to look for cows. However, since she wants no duplicates, they are increasingly hard to find. Last year, she discovered only two—one in London and one in Nova Scotia.



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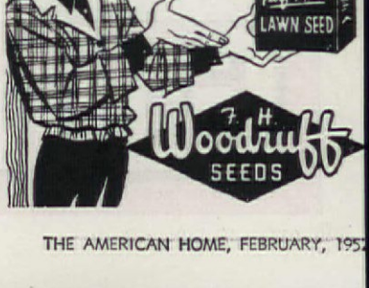
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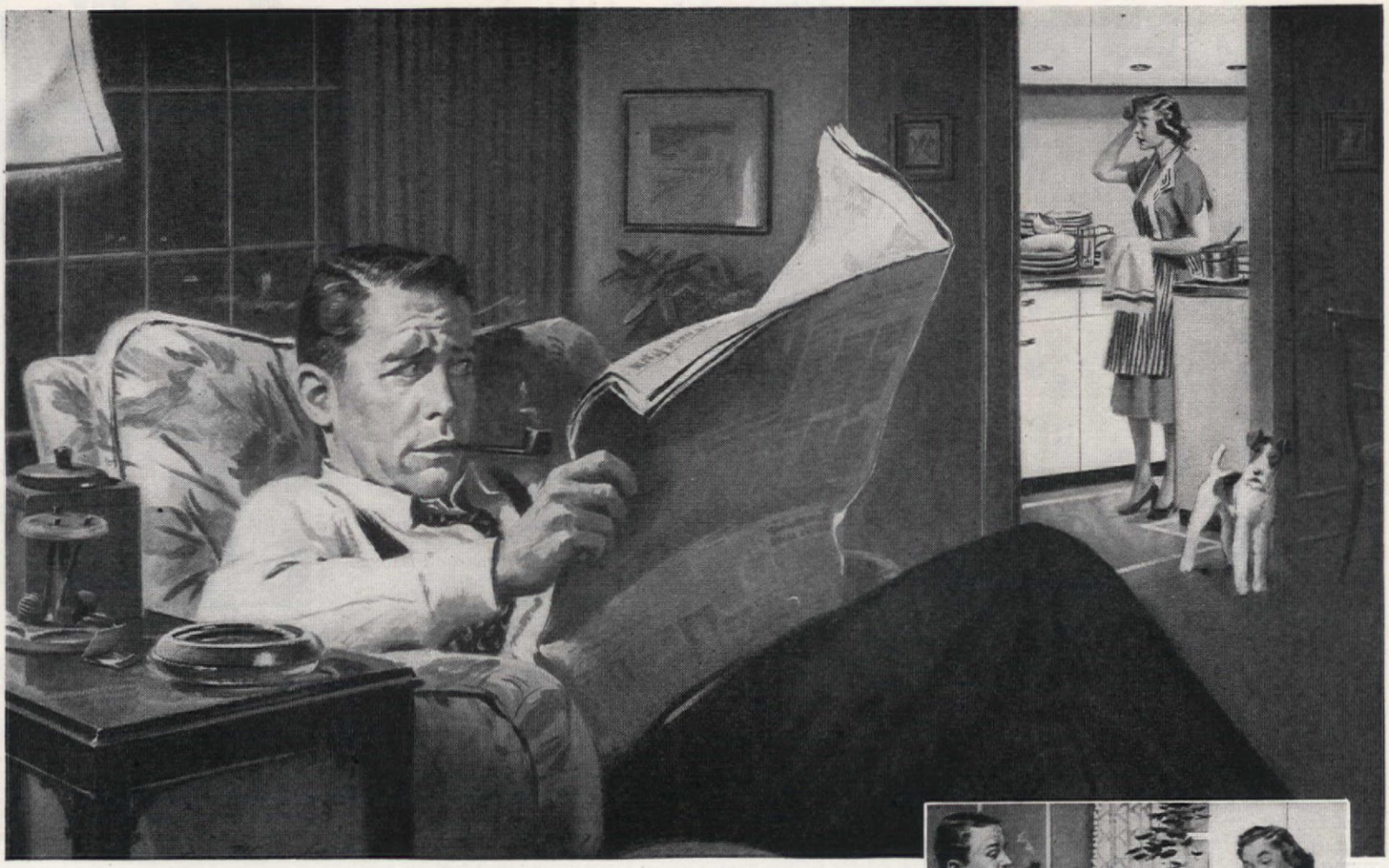
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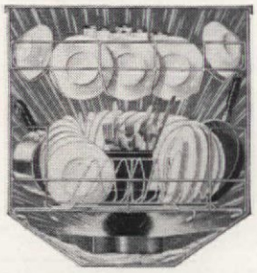
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But one day she stopped me. She asked me how much I'd earn in the next twenty years—not counting raises. I did some quick arithmetic, multiplying my salary by 20. It ran up into *six figures!* I gave her the answer, and grinned.

Betty wasn't impressed. "How much of that do you think we'll save?" she asked. I had to be honest. We were spenders. "A thousand or two," I admitted.

"That's just our trouble," she said. "We can't seem to save. That's why you ought to get one of those retirement income plans. *And now.*"

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Off Your Chest



1934 VINTAGE

Dear Editor:

Don't faint! But I was looking over an October 1934 issue, and was intrigued by an electric ice cream freezer to be used in an automatic refrigerator. Is it still extant; if so, who makes it?

—MRS. ALICE G. JACKSON

ED: Appliance in question is out of production.

MEMO TO DAD

Have just read your "Memo to Mama" in October and enjoyed it because we "memo" too. But Mary Alice, didn't you forget a very important function—that of reminding Dad? . . . a list of to-do's placed on his dresser where he can't miss it. Like magic the squeaky door is hushed, the bicycle tire fixed, and Daddy's list is gradually scratched off one by one. No yakkity-yak, no tensions, and all goes more smoothly—people and things!—HELEN B. TRAVIS

"WHAT'S WRONG . . ."

Dear Madam:

Re your lessons on table setting which started in the September issue: Thus far, I have been able to obtain the September and November lessons, but I missed the October issue. Do you make available individual copies of such material?—MARJORIE LAYDEN (Homemaking Teacher)

ED: No, you did not miss a lesson in October. Lessons have been published in the September, November, and February issues; remaining two will appear in subsequent issues. Sorry, reprints of lessons are not available at this time.

Dear Editor:

In the September issue there was an article on correct table setting. I

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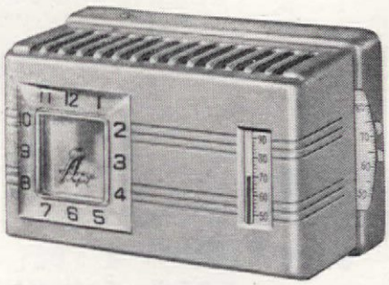
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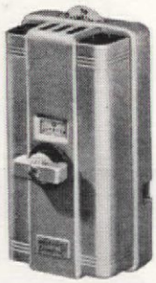
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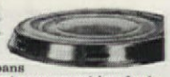


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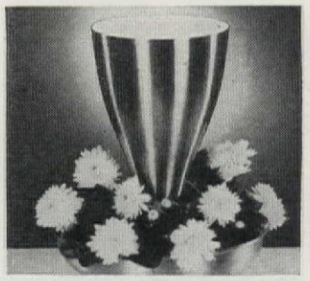


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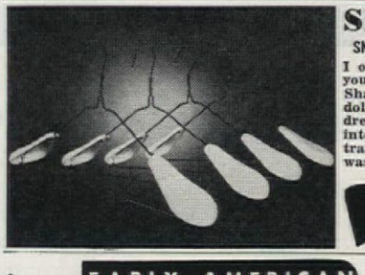
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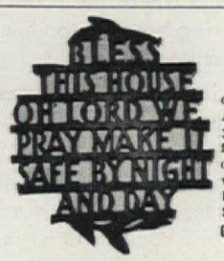
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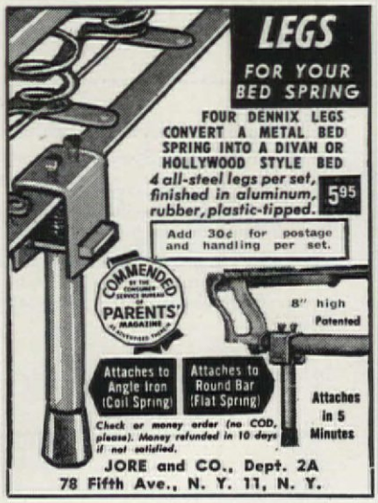
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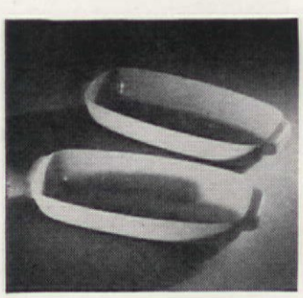
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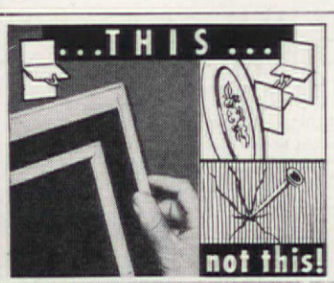
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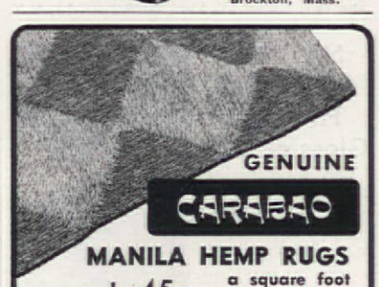
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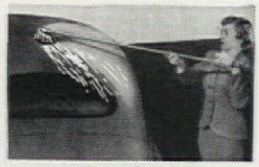
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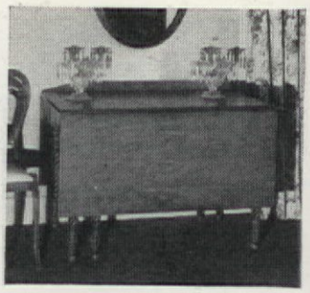
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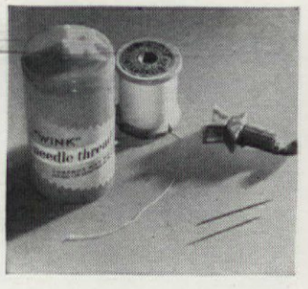
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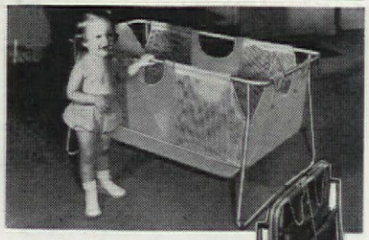


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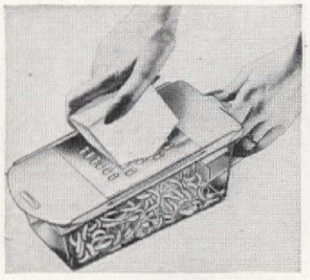
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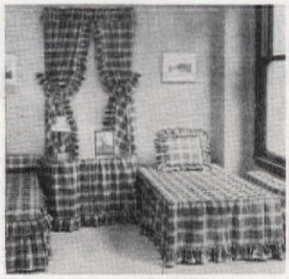
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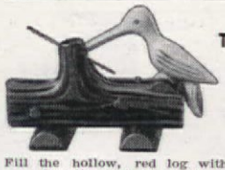
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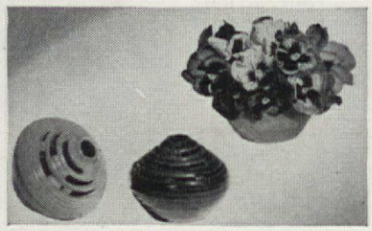


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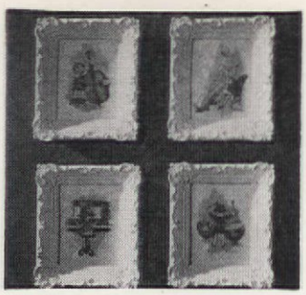
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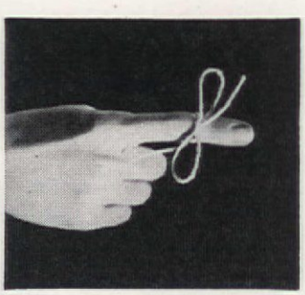
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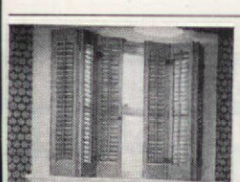
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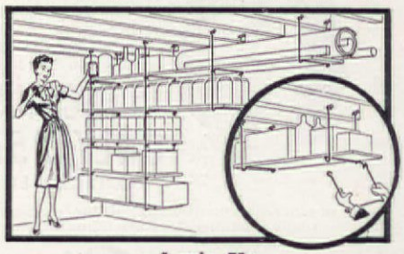
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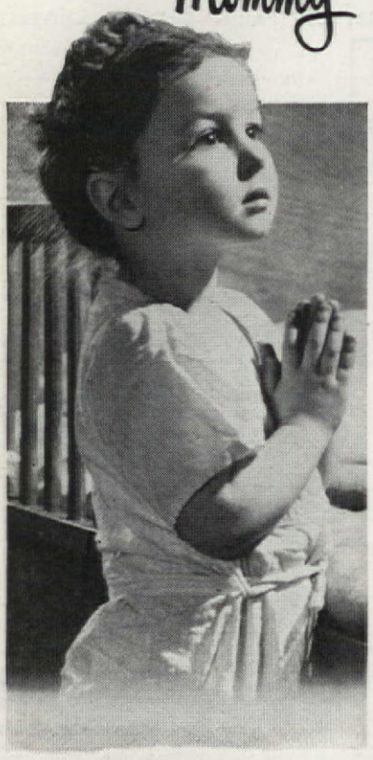
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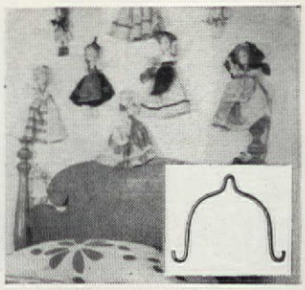


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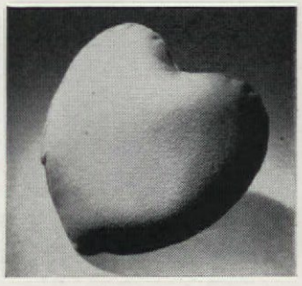
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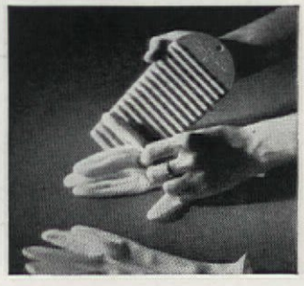
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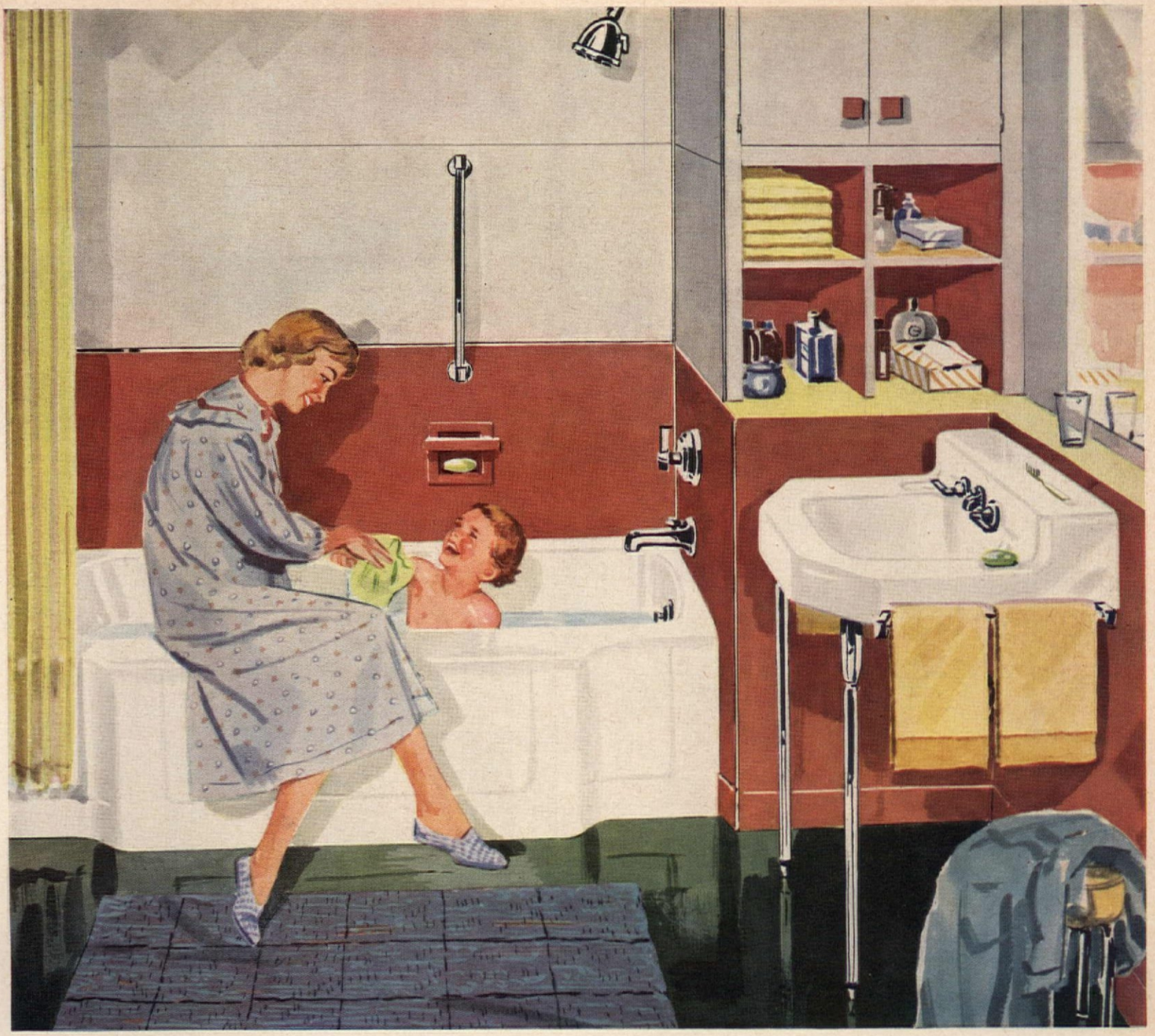
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If it happens to be sponsored by the Scouts, as it is in Winter Park, Florida (where this year Cub Scout Pack 63 has put on its second extremely successful show), handmade posters have been popping up all over town for a couple of weeks. Newspaper notices have been run, and a police officer who can spot a cat and dog spat before it starts has had his assignment for the

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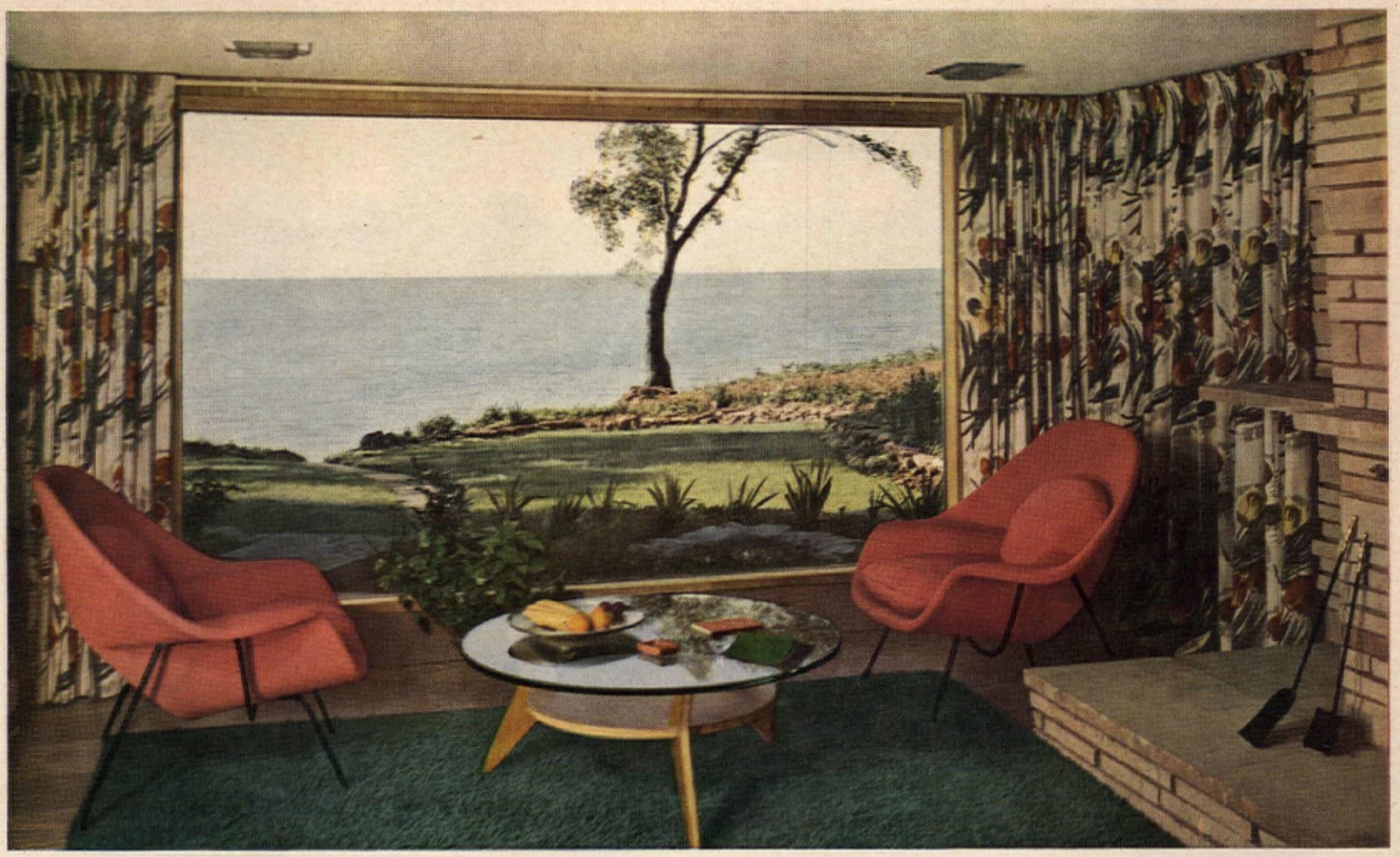
He won four ribbons for his two snails!



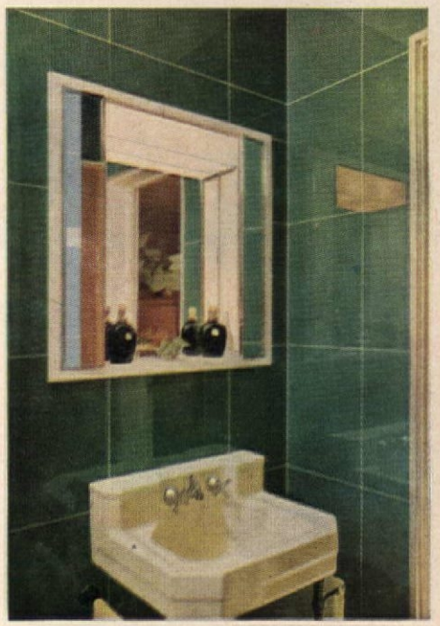
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Pet Show

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morning. Right after daylight the big citrus packing house delivered its promised dozens of field boxes which outline the two large judging rings, and provide sturdy off-again on-again seats for waiting exhibitors. By 9:15 both dime stores were completely sold out of leashes. Every grade in school has been a-flutter for days

A guppy the winner—in Smallest Pet class





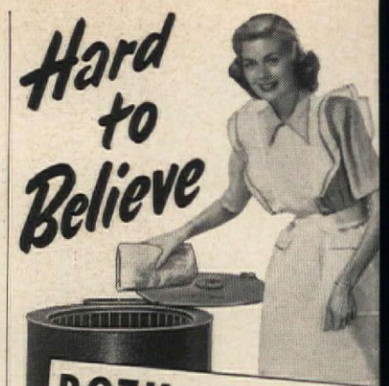
Both know this one's a winner—Whitest Pet

with mimeographed rule sheets which list the 20 to 30 classifications for which blue, red, white, or gold ribbons will be awarded. Of the rules governing entries, two are vital: (1) Each entry must be securely fastened so that it can not roam out of its assigned area or interfere with other entries. (2) Pedigrees will not count either for or against any entry.

Local conditions and experience obviously dictate others like the prohibiting of poisonous snakes and the stipulation that all entries must be alive when judged.

Dave Rees's snort of delight nearly got him sent out of the room in 5th grade when he realized that, after all, he *did* have a pet he could enter. What if his family *had* just moved to town? They'd brought a tank of goldfish, and the two snails at the bottom would stand a wonderful chance.

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So there he'd stood this morning, with his big white arm band marked "Exhibitor," watching the others come in. Only the birds and chickens looked as if they didn't care. Then Dave spotted another exhibitor with a small jar like his, and hurried over to look. "One Guppy." There went his chance for "The Smallest Pet."

"Ring One, in Ring One, the Pet with the Most Feathers . . ."

Seriously and carefully one of the judges holds a small open square over a contestant, while another counts feathers, and a third rapidly computes the over-all area.

"The blue ribbon in Ring One, the blue ribbon goes to the owl, owned by Ed Roseberry. Red ribbon to Sue Belden's pullet."

The president of the Humane Society enters each winner immediately and clearly in her notebook. The newspaper report *must* be accurate. Red and blue balloons bob over the azalea bushes. Camera shutters click, and the mothers' booth with baked goods does a rushing business in the 2-for-5¢ cookies. Whatever funds are raised are pure profit.

"Attention, everybody, we must have attention. An unscheduled, an unprecedented event has just taken place. Attention, we say! Sue Belden's pullet has just laid an egg. It's the first egg this pullet ever laid, and the first egg ever laid in our Pet Show. A special prize is to be awarded."

The dog dressed as a bandmaster poses haughtily for the commercial photographer, while a line of prize-winning owners wait their turn.

"We want to announce a Lost Mother. Here at the microphone is Miss Lois Fenner, aged three, red curls, wearing a plaid skirt. *She* is not lost, but her Mother had better report to the microphone!"

Dave Rees arranges four varicolored ribbons in his breast pocket. He takes a quick swipe at his front hair with a pocket comb. Sure enough, the fat-cheeked kid beat him on the "Smallest" with her guppy. But lookit, here's a blue for "Pet Most Closely Resembling Its Owner." How about it, having a snail look like you? Maybe he'd better get a move on!

"In Ring One for the final event. All pets who have not yet won prizes! Try-outs now for unlisted classifications. Here is a blue ribbon for the most patient pet. . . ." Yes, every entrant wins a ribbon.

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You've heard so much about how we gad about that you probably wonder when we use our own American homes. Well, we use them a lot, and treasure every minute in them, for we have the hearts of homebodies (we couldn't go on so about homemaking if we didn't). But we're also reporters, so we go out after our news—all over the country—wherever home news happens. Sometimes a story needs two trips: one to pick the things we show you, and another to follow up.

That upper picture shows the first kind of trip. At the Summer Furniture Market in Chicago, Home Furnishings Editor Gertrude Dixson and John Lippert inspected a chair Russel Wright designed for Sampson Folding Furniture. Dixie wears a fur cape because we work way, way ahead—the Summer Furniture Market is held in October!

The other small shot shows Home Equipment Editor Edith Ramsay and Arts and Crafts Editor Dorothy Trumm on an "after" mission. Their 21-Point Kitchen (last October) was such a hit that they went to Dallas to talk about it. Mr. Norval Jennings of the American Gas Association is with them, and they're greeted by Mr. L. C. Roberts of Lone Star Gas and by our own Joe Sanders of Dallas.

That still life at the bottom of the page shows the kind of thing we do back home. It's the "dummy" of this very issue of the magazine, opened to a story as we originally penciled it in (you can see the final version on page 36). It was taken in our Workshop, a great, light room where we gather 'round a table to decide which articles will interest you most, which photographs will tell their stories best. The dummy gives us a preview of the magazine, and we fuss over it and change it until we're proud enough of it to offer it to you.

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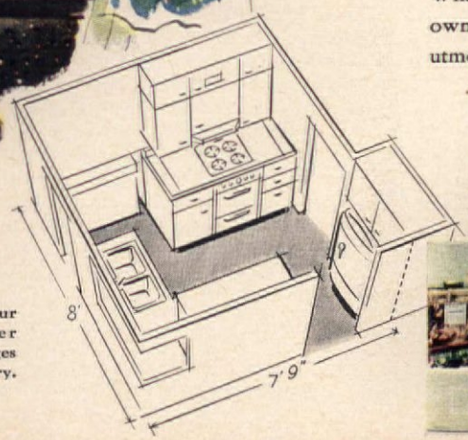
Direct-color photograph of actual home kitchen



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Bathe in Color!

A FLATTERING FEMININE SCHEME: With its tile counter extending to form a dressing table under a queen-size mirror, this is a perfect place to primp. Note color variations on the lavender theme, the decorator touches on the curtains. If you want wall-to-wall rug in your bath, cut a washable one to fit around fixtures, but don't anchor it permanently

A TAILORED MASCULINE SCHEME: Not only pastels, but also decorators' pet dark colors are available in bathroom tiles, rugs, and wallpapers. Drawers and cabinets under counter hold linens, medicines, toiletries, and could harbor a hamper. Here shutters filter the daylight, and lighting fixtures flank mirror to give good visibility for shaving or make-up

DORIS BRIAN

Rainbows of ideas, fancy dress for drab baths. Try them for size, and wear them in health!

Remember the quaint old days (not so long ago) when fancy bathrooms seemed appropriate only for billionaires—or maybe movie sirens? We plain citizens were content to bathe in dead-white tubs, step out on dead-white mats, dry ourselves with dead-white towels, and look at dead-white walls. Well, the handsome but sensible bathrooms illustrated here show that we've changed our minds. We've dressed up our baths because we're convinced that *no* room should be a second-class room. And no room need be, since the difference between an attractive bath and a dreary one is a matter of good color and good planning—things which often cost you more in thought than in cash.

The real beauty of the ideas on these five pages is that most of them can be used in your old bath—or in that downstairs powder room so many of us have recently coaxed out of wasted nooks and walk-in closets. If you're not starting from scratch with new colored fixtures—and they're mighty

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Bathe in Color (Begins on page 27)

good-looking and well behaved—you can still treat your bathroom to new color. How about a dado of tile (you can install it yourself) topped with water-resistant paper in a pattern worthy of your living room? Filter daylight through tailored draw curtains. Add color accents in the form of hampers, waste-baskets, shower curtains, and a wealth of deep-piled, bright-hued towels, mats, and rugs intended for very practical sybarites. Then reflect all the splendor in a wall of perfectly lighted mirror.

Modern architects have made a real contribution to bathroom design: the built-in counter which encloses the washbowl and extends along usually wasted walls to form a dressing table. Below its easy-to-clean tile, plastic, or luxurious heavy-glass top, you can have hampers, drawers, and cabinets for linens. New wash-bowls are especially made for use in such counters. But without changing your fixture, you can probably find space for a counter-high cabinet.

LET GAY PAPER pick up the color of tile and curtains. These draw curtains, worthy of a living room, adjust to give perfect daylight for make-up. You can have counters in a narrow room—just make them shallow. Lewis Fisher, architect; Herbert Cordier, decorator

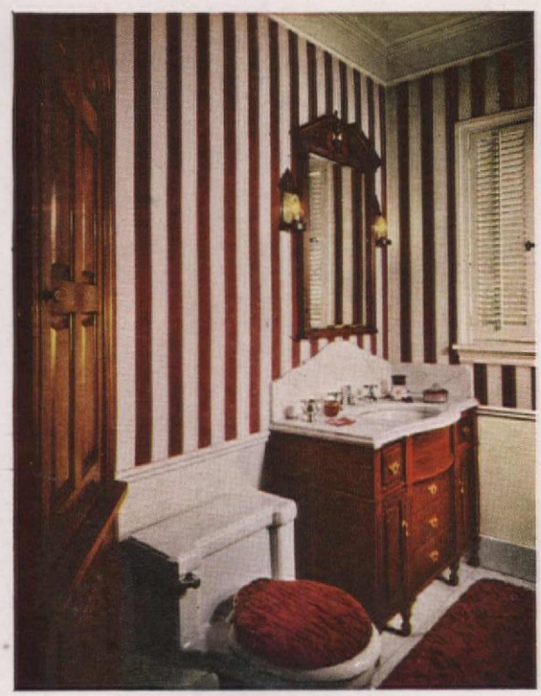
PINK CAN BE CRISP as well as pretty. See how effectively it is mixed here with shades of gray. The room-width mirror makes this bath seem twice its size

STRONG CONTRAST OF BLUE AND YELLOW stresses modern details: louvred doors, large mirror, draw curtains, heavy glass counter tops. Paul Laszlo, architect

WITH ITS GLASS-BLOCK WALL and plants which will flourish from steam and sun, this beauty proves a bath can be as well dressed as any room. See how brilliant woodwork is quietly echoed on the ceiling, how the reds are held in check by handsome gray ceramic tile employed here in an unusual way. Wall is "Insulux" glass block



YOUR BATH CAN MATCH YOUR BEDROOM: It's filled with such 20th-century notions as a built-in dressing table, a washbowl in a counter, plastic curtains. But maple wood tones, rag rug, and details such as pictures carry out the theme of an Early American room



GIVE A POWDER ROOM A "MAIN FLOOR" LOOK: Striped paper and mahogany "furnish" this room. Old wooden washstands, topped with marble slab, can be made to accommodate modern washbowls. Chest holds toiletries, so wall mirror replaces medicine cabinet



GIDDY BUT PRETTY IDEAS to use singly or together: Deck old fixtures with floral designs; hide pipes in a skirt; beruffle the seat cover; put a picture frame on the mirror; use a candy dish for powder; tie crisp curtains with a big bow—in the middle for a change



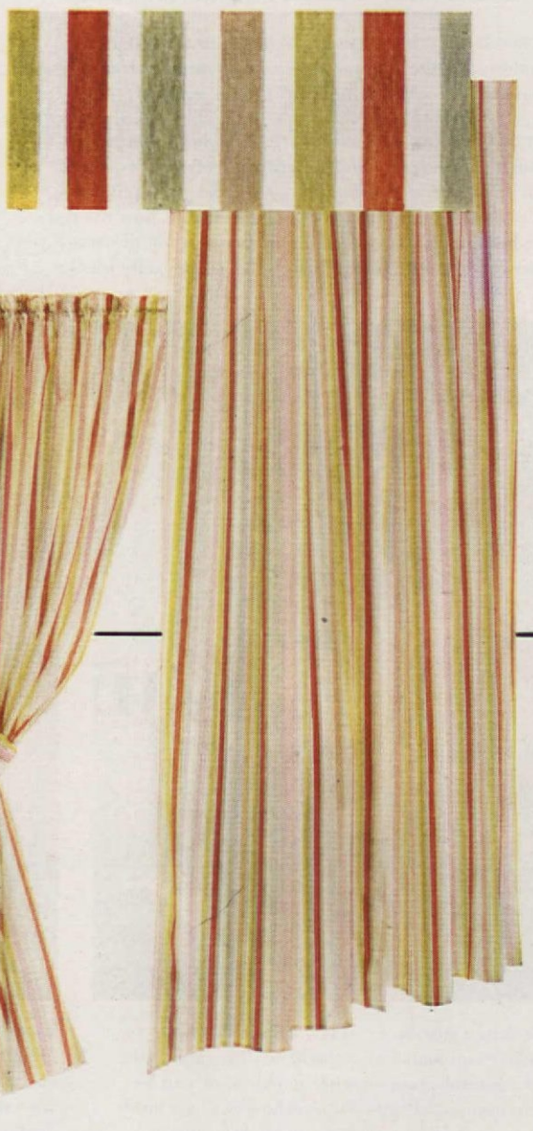
DRESSING SPACE FOR TWO: Make a counter long enough for two to use at once, and provide it with cabinets. Have a wall of well-lit mirror over your counter, and hide a series of medicine cabinets behind it

IT'S EASY TO MATCH THEM: "Gems" for your shower ($5.95) or window ($5.95) are heavy-gauge plastic decked with a gay, tiny motif. Pick up any curtain's colors with "Wall-Tex," a tough fabric wall covering you can wipe clean—and paint years hence. Comes in 19 solid shades including the two we show ($2.80 a roll). Metal Bask-A-Brush is a wastebasket which nests bathroom brushes ($4.98)

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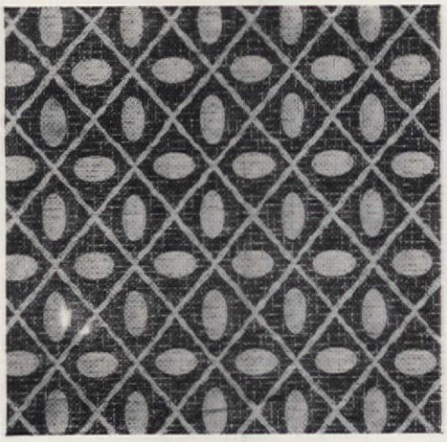








Splash with Color!







PLASTIC CURTAINS CAN SET THE PACE with patterns worthy of fine wallpaper. These four in several color combinations have matching window curtains. "Fishnet" is a nautical design on clear plastic ($7.50). "Bolero," rhythmical ovals and lines, is printed on heavily textured plastic ($6.95). "Hydrangea" decorated seven-gauge laminated plastic ($6.50). The strong plaid, "Dundee," enhances a smooth plastic ($4.95)

CLOSE HARMONY IN YOUR SHOWER. Step on a colored scale ("Magnif-Eye" comes in seven colors with chrome, $7.95). Wrap yourself in a bountiful towel in your choice of princely shades, and have face towels, wash cloths, and mats to match. Your towel may be sculptured, like "Elegance" ($1.98) or made oversize of fine terry with a handsome border, like "Grand Manner" ($2.98). Towels may echo one shade of such a multi-color shower or window curtain as "Barbizon," which is printed on rippled plastic in several color combinations ($8.50 each)

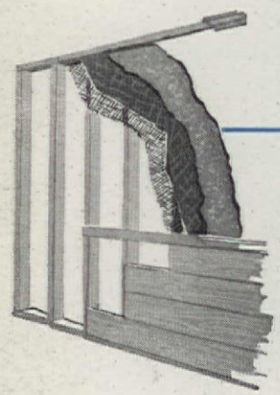


PLASTIC HAS GONE HIGH-HAT in a glamorous co-ordinated group which sports a plastic processed to resemble quilting —and you know how luxurious quilting always looks! "Faille Puff" shower curtains ($9.95) are made of plastic faille with quilt-like borders. Window curtains ($9.95) match. Wastebasket ($3.95) and companion hampers in two sizes ($10.95 and $11.95) have metal frames covered in the quilt-textured plastic. Curtains, basket, and hampers all come in nine colors. Blend them with your bath towels ($1.79) which hang smartly on chromium ring ($1)

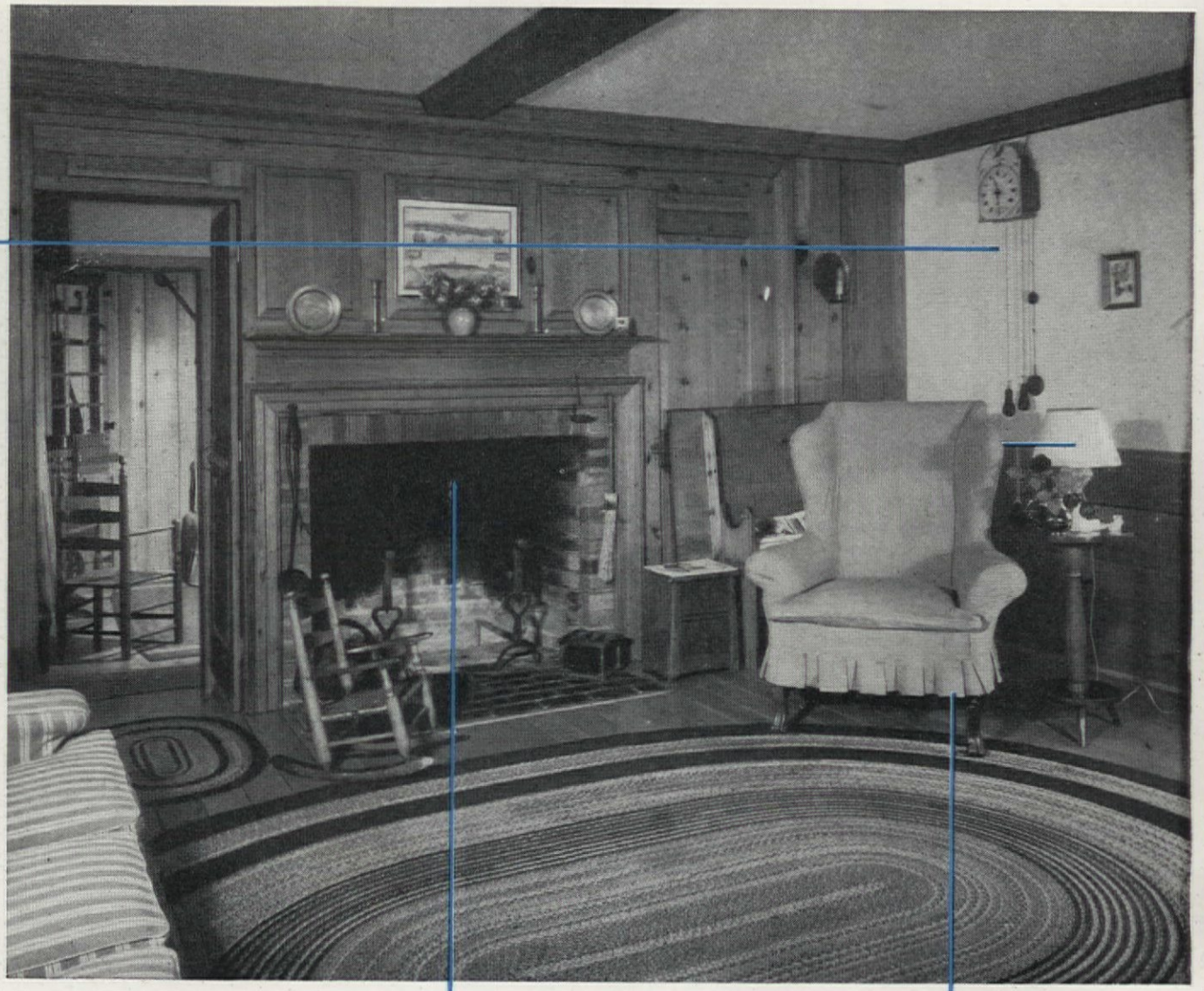
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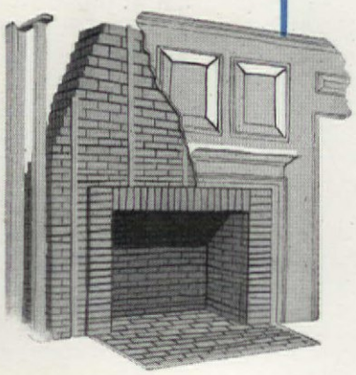


THEN: WALLS WERE WALLS ONLY
Built to endure, but necessary today? This sandwich consists of 2 x 4 framing, metal lath, scratch coat of plaster, brown coat, finish coat, wood paneling. Too, the superb wood floor is a beauty to behold—but expensive if you intend to cover it mostly with carpet



THEN: THE FIREPLACE IN FANCY DRESS

Fireplace construction hasn't changed much, but our ideas of how a fireplace looks have. Then works were concealed by beautiful paneling, molding, mantelpiece—period pieces and a comfort to the eye, but adding nothing to the warmth of a cozy fire



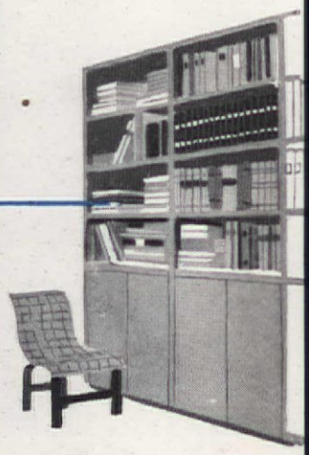


THEN: SPOTTY LIGHTING CAUSED EYESTRAIN
Until recently, man's after-dark reading was done with the help of spotty lamplight—from the early days of whale oil and candlelight right down to this electrified version of an old oil lamp. Its bright bulb, localized area of hard light, can often induce eyestrain during lengthy periods of reading

Your Choice

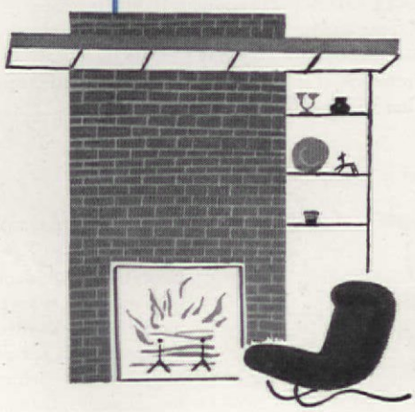
Both these rooms are in excellent taste. Yet one has certain advantages in structure and comfort. Do you know which one?





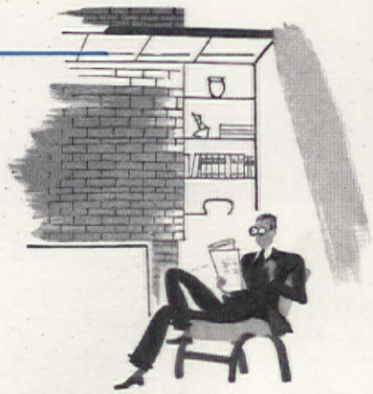
NOW: WALLS BECOME STORAGE UNITS

In today's modern house where most interior walls are not load bearing, construction can be greatly simplified. Storage walls, bookcases such as these can serve as adequate partitions, backed with heavy plywood or wallboard. Cost is much less than plastered, paneled walls



NOW: THE FIREPLACE SHOWS ITS OWN FACE

The fire burns merrily away in its brick sheath, but now the chimney breast is exposed, unadorned brick, beautiful in its own color and texture. Difference in the two rooms lies in the way the same materials are handled differently. Modern emphasizes natural textures of brick and wood



NOW: DIFFUSED LIGHT IS EASY ON THE EYE

The fluorescent tube plus modern built-in lighting has brought a new era of reading comfort. These low-wattage tubes, behind a diffusing screen of translucent glass, create a broad area of glare-free general illumination. Shadows are softer, areas of contrast not so great—a much more comfortable light to read by

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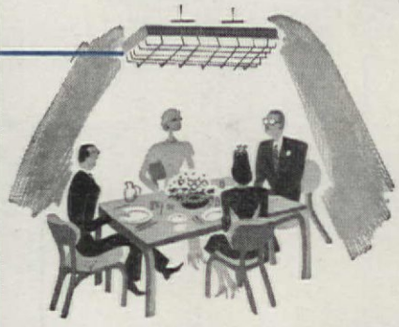


THEN: STORAGE WAS HALF "SHOW"
This handsome hutch cabinet allots half its capacity to "display." Aboveboard items are mostly for show—there's an obvious hole every time one is removed for use. Lower cabinet is roomy, but it cannot hold nearly enough china, linen, silver for an average-sized family

THEN: EVERYBODY GETS A LEG AT DINNER!
A table leg that is—a really fine old gate-leg table with a time-mellowed patina. But think of the nicks and scars that could develop from bumped chairs and scuffling shoes. Beautiful chairs, too, of their kind—but those straight up and down backs are not exactly conducive to lounging. Bare unshaded bulbs in chandelier are not the kindest light on tired eyes







NOW: PLENTY OF LIGHT AND ELBOW ROOM
These table legs are at the corners, where they ought to be. Notice those comfortable chairs with upholstered backs curved to cushion the body—they invite lounging around the table over coffee and cigarettes. Fluorescent lights in egg-crate fixture shed a wealth of soft glareless light over the table. Many of today's tables have finishes impervious to stains, or laminated plastic tops that will take a beating in their stride

Take Your Choice (Begins on page 32)

● Our whole attitude on room planning has changed in the last generation or so. The fireplace is the inward heart, the focal point of the dining room at top. The room below is typical of our modern outlook—opening the walls or creating large windows to lengthen the vista, to make the outdoors as much a part of the inner life as possible



NOW: CONCEALED STORAGE THAT WORKS
Everything you need for dining, with space to spare, in today's marvelous built-ins. Special compartments for different sizes of china, compartmented drawers for all your silver, long drawers with wooden poles to roll up your tablecloths without a crease. Everything out of sight, dust free, ready for instant use

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MARION BLACK WILLIAMS

These Are Marguerites

This cheerful species of chrysanthemum (*C. frutescens*), native to the Canary Islands, is also called Paris Daisy. Both the white type and the variety Boston Yellow are popular florists' pot plants, especially at Easter. Being tender, they are seen in gardens less often than they deserve, except in warm sections where perennial borders like that shown here are admired by envious visitors. Yet, wherever you are, you will find them as easy to grow as annuals, and highly effective not only as winter-flowering subjects for sunny windows, but also in garden beds and porch and window boxes all summer. For indoors, cuttings can be taken (see below) in midsummer. Others, taken just before frost, will give plants which, if kept pinched back so they do not bloom until spring, can be set out after frost danger ends. And still others, taken from your house plants and rooted in midwinter, will provide stock for summer and fall garden effects. It is always better to start new plants than to try to shift those that have already flowered for a season to garden or house, as the case may be. Marguerites do well in any good garden soil, but grow into more symmetrical mounds of flowers (three feet high and across) in sunny but somewhat sheltered locations. Young plants like the protection afforded by foliage of pyrethrum, columbine, etc., which, later on, dies down or can be cut back.



In spring, tip cuttings from house plants that have bloomed all winter, or side shoots from fresh-cut flowers, will root readily in water. Or, at any time of year, they can be rooted in clean, sharp sand or other medium



Results are even better if the basal ends of the cuttings are dipped in a root-stimulating hormone powder or solution. Keep the rooting medium (vermiculite is good, too) moist and the container in soft light—not full sunlight



These cuttings, after eight weeks in sand, having callused over and developed roots, can be planted in good soil in pots, flats, or a greenhouse bench. Harden them off on sheltered porch before planting them out in the garden



JESSIE WALKER

This House is 33 Years



AMES ROSS, ARCHITECT

Old!

A house needn't be addled with age before you modernize it. You paint every few years, and make repairs—so why not keep your house up to date while you bring it up to snuff? Only one drastic change was made in turning the fading façade of this home into a perky new one: the porch, which was in bad shape, was banished. After all, now that outdoor living has moved to the seclusion of the rear garden, front porches are not only useless—they make the living room dark. By replacing the porch with a handsome planter and a pert overhang which lets the sun enter the living room, this house was improved inside and out.

With the aid of architect Ames Ross, the Charles Wallensacks of Wayne, Ill., created style here without forcing their house to conform to any single period. The vertical siding of the first story was suggested by ranch houses—so was the charming but unorthodox use of such a color as heavenly blue. Oversize single-pane windows would have been out of harmony, so new sash has muntins which are in keeping with both upper section and lower. When you're refreshing a house, don't miss smart little tricks which make the difference between the gracious and the commonplace—touches like these: gay blue shutters which are so becoming here, the saucy door with its splashes of color, the jaunty hanging flowerpots which make a picture of a dull wall area, the curved walk which seems to enlarge the lawn.

A SUCCESS STORY

In this, the "winter of our discontent," as the poet called it, let us look ahead to the bright promise of spring tasks—and discuss . . .

How to Prepare the Soil Plant the Seed

Wherever you garden, whatever you grow or plan (i.e., hope) to grow, however much or little land you cultivate, your success depends upon the triumvirate of SOIL, SEED, and SKILLFUL MANAGEMENT.

Soil is the long-term factor, to be maintained in a state of fertility and proper physical condition (or brought to that state, if necessary) by the replacement, in the form of humus and plant food elements, of all that is removed in the harvesting of crops or by action of natural forces, such as the weather. It should be kept clothed with vegetation between crops, especially over winter; it should be lightened, if too heavy, by the addition of some amendment such as sand or lime; it should be given more body, if too thin, by incorporating clay or muck; it should be drained if consistently too wet, and supplied with water if unreliably dry.

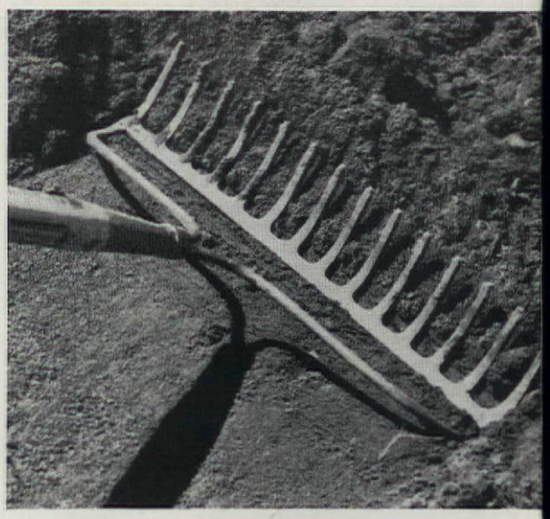
Seed is the essence of all the future crop potential. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so the quality and value of flower, fruit, foliage, plant, or any plant product, can never rise higher than the level of the seed from which it grew. To repeat the title of a January article, "It Pays to Buy the Best"—and then to give it the care and treatment it deserves, including storage under proper conditions, sowing at just the right time, at the right depth, with the correct spacing, and so on.

Those are the details of cultural practice; the techniques of planting, watering, cultivating, thinning, training, protecting—all the operations that make up the joyous, exciting, rewarding art of gardening. They are the true manifestations of spring, with all its possibilities and problems, its hopes and surprises. Just when they can be started in any particular place is determined by the latitude, the altitude, the exposure, the year, and other natural circumstances. But everywhere, the time draws near.

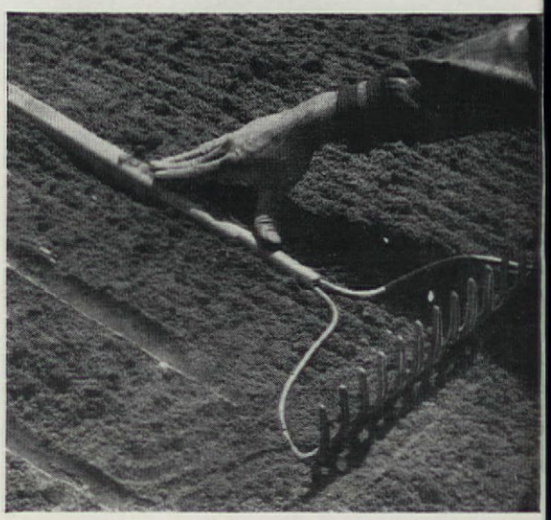
And so, this month, even though snow may cover the ground and fill the air, we take up the fitting of the soil to receive the seed, and the entrusting of that seed to the protection and the good offices of "The Holy Earth."



1. Be sure your soil is "right" for handling before you start work on it. If a handful, on being squeezed and released, stays in the form of a greasy "mud pie," it means that the soil is too wet to work, or even walk on. The more clay a soil contains, the longer it stays wet



5. If soil is in proper, friable condition, back of rake will help to pulverize and smooth it. This is desirable especially when small seeds are to be planted. Never rake to a fine seedbed more soil than you can plant the same day; leave rest of area rough dug until next time



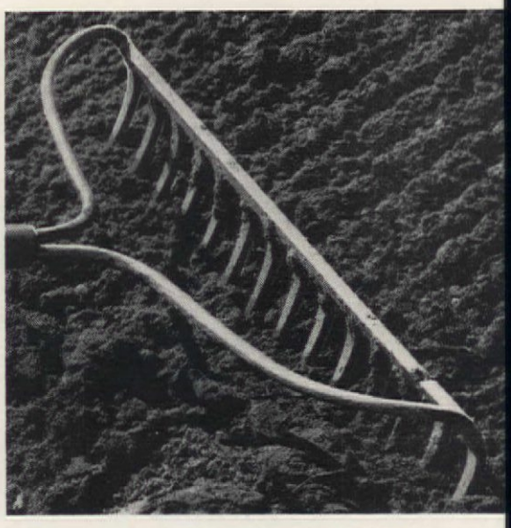
9. For small seeds and short rows, rake handle pressed lightly into soil does the trick, and renders guide line unnecessary if rake is placed accurately. Better use measure, or, at ends of plot, line up rake head with edge so handle extends squarely at right angles to it



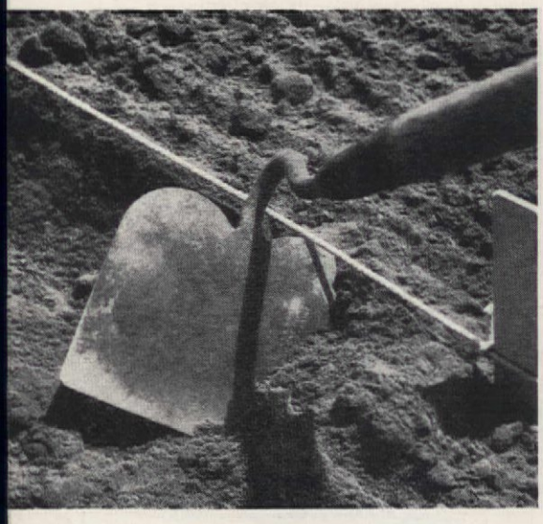
2. But if a handful, even though slightly moist, falls apart after being squeezed, into a loose, crumbly mass, then the soil is in workable shape. To help make it so, add sand, sifted coal ashes, humus; turn under green manure crops; plow in the fall so the frost can work on it



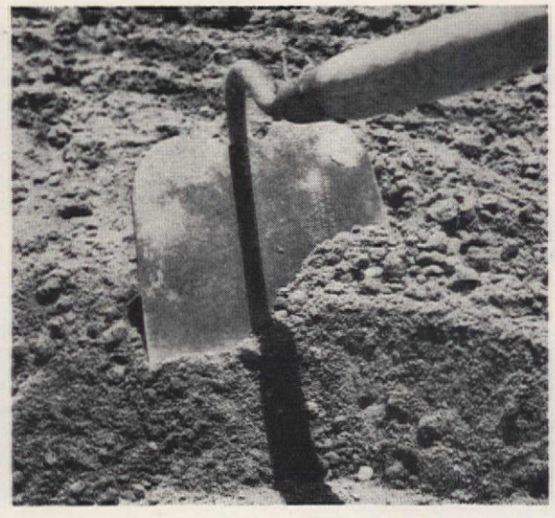
3. Next, dig with spading fork (shown) or spade. Drive straight down, full length, but don't take too wide a slice; pry loose by forcing handle back; lift and drop upside down in furrow so as to bury manure, surface trash, etc. Work back and forth across a six-foot strip



4. On dug soil, spread lime and plant food as needed (on separate days, not together); and rake them in, using iron rake with push and pull motion which breaks up clods, levels surface, and works up a fine, loose seedbed



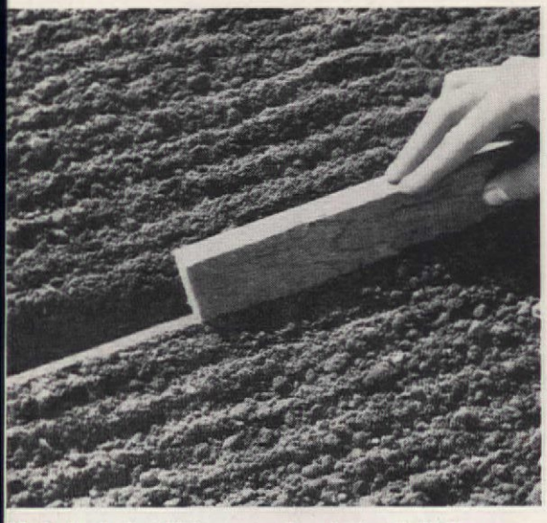
5. Seeds of squash, corn, melon, and other "hill" crops are planted in spaced holes. Sow "row" crops (lettuce, carrots, peas, etc.) in "drills" or furrows, the depth and spacing determined by size of seed. For large ones, corner of hoe, drawn along guide line, opens a furrow



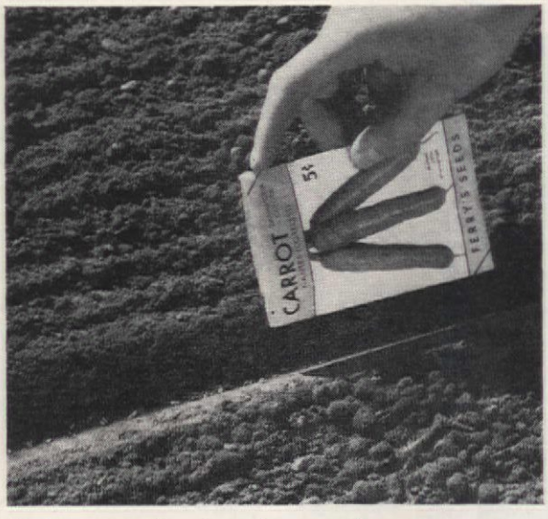
7. Sprinkle seed thinly (see directions on packet or in catalogue), set line at measured distance for next row, and cover seed-directed depth using broad edge of hoe blade. Heart-shaped "Warren" hoe is good for this; or, for long rows, wheel- or push-hoe with small plowshare



8. For medium-sized seeds, handle end of hoe or rake drawn along line makes a good furrow. To avoid pushing cord out of line, slant handle toward you; also keep feet on line, moving carefully so as not to disturb it



10. In hotbed, cold frame, or flat, the beveled edge, or corner of a square-sided stick, quickly makes clean, even, shallow furrow for tiny seeds. If seedlings will soon be transplanted, seeds (and rows) can be spaced closer than in garden. But avoid too-thick planting and waste



11. To sow small seed evenly, scatter from torn corner of packet while tapping gently with index finger. (There are also gadgets for this.) In dry times, soaking bottom of furrow before sowing will help germination; some use "starter solution" of plant food in water as booster



12. After covering seed, firm soil above it. With large seed, use feet, rake head, or hoe (as shown), adapting pressure to soil type and condition. Small seeds need only light cover; smallest are merely pressed into soil

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Let's Go Shopping for

Floribundas

FOR beds, borders, hedges, between house and walk; where more height is needed than Polyanthas give
CHARACTERS: Plants medium size, hardy, vigorous, resistant. Large flowers, varied forms and colors in open trusses; limited fragrance



The trouble with roses [this is SEYMOUR speaking] is that they are so universally popular for particular purposes that their versatility is often lost sight of. Too many people, when "rose" is mentioned, visualize just a single, big, long-stemmed flower in their favorite color, or possibly a bunch or bowlful of such roses. Of course "a rose is a rose," but the blossom is only one of its many manifestations. If you're going to have a garden and want to include roses, remember that a rose is also a plant; that there are many kinds of rose plants, and that they vary so widely in size, form, growth habit, and other characters that there is a type—perhaps including many varieties—for practically any sort of use or effect you may desire.

With allowances for overlapping and borderline cases, the selection available from rose specialists and some general nurseries includes: Miniatures, Polyanthas, Floribundas, Hybrid Teas, Species (shrub type), Trailers, and Climbers. Their distinguishing features are given in the thumbnail descriptions herewith. So much is written about the H. T.'s or bedding roses, such as the famous Peace, most of the All-America Selections announced each year (for 1952 they are Helen Traubel and Fred Howard, plus Vogue, a Floribunda), and various firms' novelties (like Easter Parade, etc.), that the shopping suggestions on these pages are focused on the other kinds.

The easiest of roses to care for [MRS. COMBS of Washington State now has the floor] are the Floribundas, Polyanthas, Miniatures, Shrubs, and Climbers and Trailers that make up the Rambler group. In the main, all have hardy, disease-resistant foliage and all but the last-mentioned bloom more or less continuously from early summer until frost. It was a lucky day for us gardeners when the lovely H. T.'s were crossed with the husky, long-blooming little Polyanthas to produce the hardy, everblooming, Floribundas with their trusses of big, beautifully formed,

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Polyanthas

FOR low hedges, borders; beds of solid color; against fences; narrow spaces against house
CHARACTERS: Small, bushy plants, hardy, vigorous. Many small flowers in dense clusters. Fair to good color range. Limited fragrance



Drawings by Pucci

Rose Effects



Climbers

a. Large-flowered.
b. Small-flowered (Ramblers)

FOR arbors, trellises, pergolas, fences, pillars, walls, banks, over doorways, etc.
CHARACTERS: Despite name, need support. Hardy, vigorous. (a) Big blooms, singly or loose clusters; repeaters. (b) Small flowers, dense trusses; one season; some mildew

Miniatures

USE for edging beds; in elevated borders, rock gardens, window and porch boxes, flower arrangements, corsages
CHARACTERS: Diminutive plants (12 in. or less); bushy, hardy. Tiny flowers (½ in.), usually double, in limited color range, and with little if any fragrance

Hybrid Teas

a. Bush form b. Tree form
USE (a) for bedding, in mixed borders, flowers for cutting, arrangements; (b) for accents, formal effects; in pots, tubs
CHARACTERS: Plants not graceful; variably hardy, resistant; need considerable care. Flower perfection in great variety of forms, colors. Some richly fragrant, others less so

Trailers

USE as ground covers; on banks, stone walls, stumps, and fences; along highway cuts and edge of pools, streams
CHARACTERS: Are actually (or resemble) climbers with spreading, arching, or truly sprawling habit. Hardy, vigorous, tolerant; need little attention. Leaves usually small, healthy. Flowering season brief in most cases

Shrub or Species

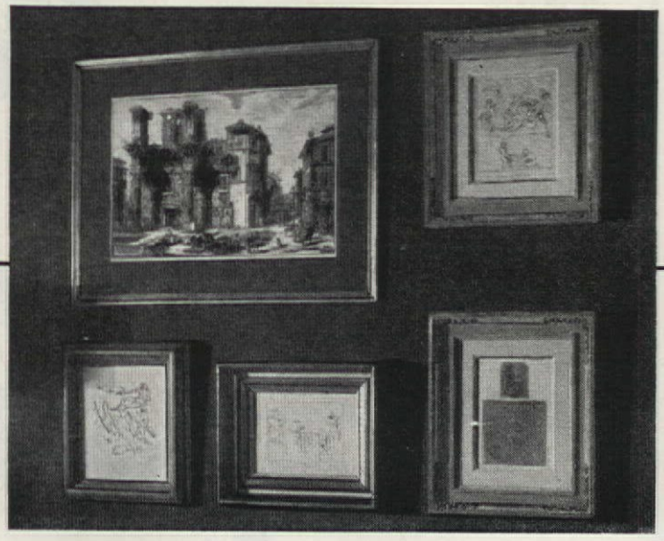
USE for background plantings, lawn specimens, hedges, spring accents against evergreens, walls, etc.
CHARACTERS: Plants large, spreading, open to loose form; mostly hardy; some tend to sucker, spread. Flowering season early, short. Attractive foliage and fruit (liked by birds)



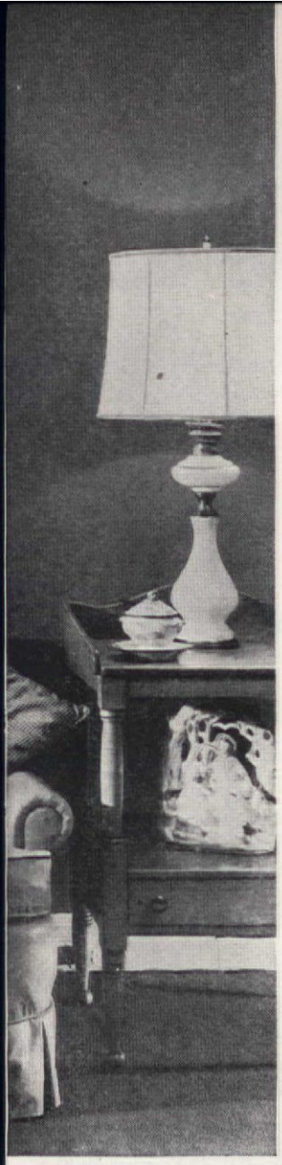


NO TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE in this grouping. You can combine any number of pictures as long as the outside area composes into a rectangular or square shape. Try for variety in shapes and textures of frames: rounds, ovals, rectangles. A miscellany like this calls for good individual pictures; don't try it with dime store prints

GET OUT OLD FAMILY PORTRAITS and arrange them in a quaint group. Framing was much more varied then; you'll find interesting shapes to work with. Here the effect is balanced; it could just as well be done assymetrically as at left. Try a length of velvet ribbon tacked to the wall, then put your picture nails right through it







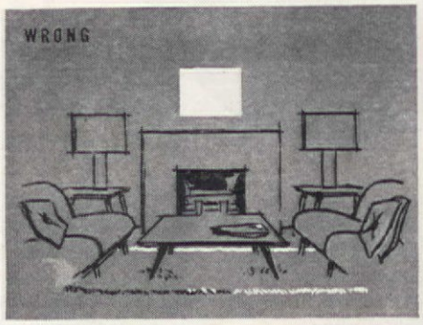


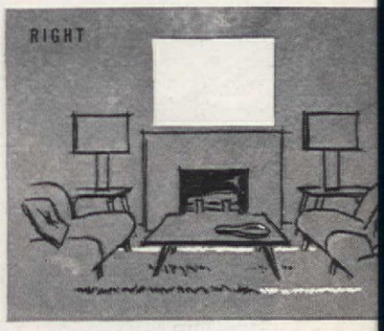
IN THIS SOFA GROUPING Here, the object was to obtain horizontal arrangement. Instead of just the pair of prints, a center collection of interesting miniatures catches the eye, is nicely weighted at each end with dark-matted prints

How to Hang Pictures

A MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT gathered through the years can make a focal point for a room. Arrange them first on the floor until you achieve a basic square or rectangular grouping. Number them, mark extreme height and width on wall, hang from bottom upward

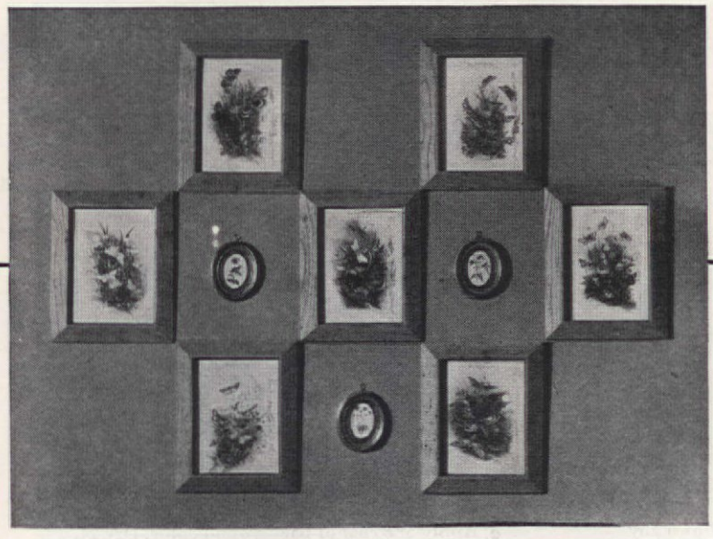
FAR MORE INTERESTING than just two rows of three pictures each is the group at left, photographed at Macy's, New York. Centered around an antique plate the shape is roughly hexagonal, higher than it is wide

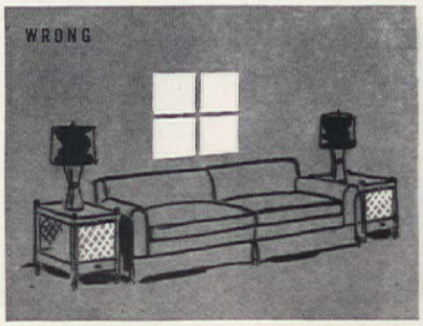


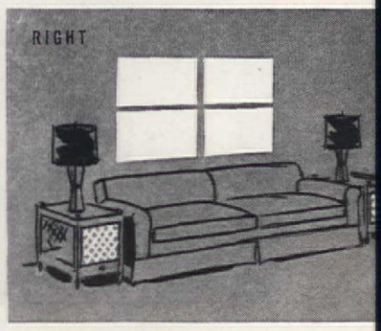


DON'T BE DINKY with your overmantel treatment. Picture at left is too small in area to hold its own. Area indicated at right is better size. If your picture is too small, try a larger mat—either white or pastel—to blend with colors in picture, or use a wide heavy frame

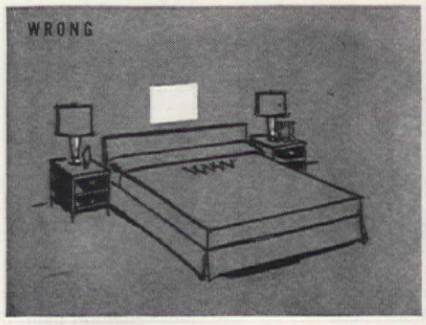
RECTANGLES AND OVALS make up this interesting checkerboard group, much more imaginative than just a couple of rows. Botanical prints are alternated with heavy-framed miniatures. Don't "sky" your pictures; hang them close enough to top edge of furniture so they seem to "belong." Six to twelve inches is about right

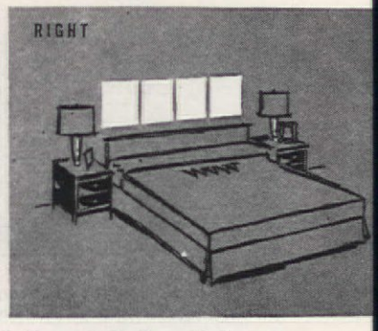






WIDTH IS BETTER THAN HEIGHT over a sofa, or any piece of furniture that is considerably longer than it is high. Instead of hanging four square or vertical pictures in a vertical grouping, select four harmonizing subjects that will compose into a long shape, wider than it is high





ONE SMALL PICTURE IS LOST over a double bed or twin beds pushed together. Here again you need a feeling of width more than height. Try four costume prints or flower subjects in a composition nearly as wide as the headboard. Hang them fairly close together

LOIS HOPPE and DORCHEN



11

For pennies plus a pile of old newspapers, this Chippendale elegance can be yours thanks to papier-mâché, which is simply torn-up paper mixed with glue and dried on a mold. The mold may be any tray whose shape you like—just coat its back with melted paraffin or spray it with clear plastic, and it won't be hurt in the process. You'll also need: wallpaper paste, Weldwood glue, three 1-in. brushes, shellac, varnish, sandpaper, enamel for background color. To bedeck it like this one, you'll need artists' brushes and oils, and American Home Pattern **11** (SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM, PAGE 109)

How to Make a Papier-Mâché Tray

1. Tear newspaper into strips approximately 1 in. wide by 2 or 3 in. long. DO NOT CUT—ragged torn edges lap over without causing unsightly ridges. Soak your strips in water



2. Apply layer of damp paper strips, one at a time, to tray back. Lap each piece slightly over preceding one. (Photo shows bowl made by same process.) For paste, mix 3 parts wallpaper paste to 1 part Weldwood glue and add water till paste is creamy



3. When mold is completely covered, brush on a coat of paste, over entire surface. Then apply another layer of paper strips. When first layer is entirely covered by second, brush on another coat of paste. Repeat this process until layers are ⅜-in. thick

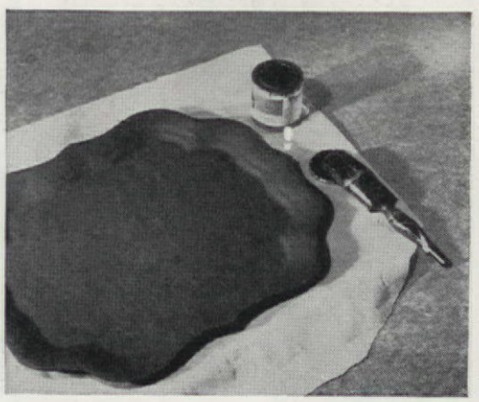




4. Test thickness with a hat pin plunged through layers till it hits tray. When total thickness of layers is at least ⅜ in., the papier-mâché is ready for drying on mold. Set aside in airy place, away from heat, and dry for two weeks. Then cut edges carefully with razor and lift from mold. Trim edges



5. Go over top of tray and paste down any loose edges of paper. When paste is thoroughly dry, brush a coat of shellac over entire tray. Dry 48 hours. Then apply a second coat of shellac, front and back. Dry 48 hours. Sand



6. Apply one coat of background color. Dry 24 hours, sand, and dust. Repeat as often as necessary to give a smooth surface. Then apply one coat of varnish. Dry 24 hours. Trace on your design, paint with tube oil colors. Dry two weeks. Finish with two coats of spar varnish



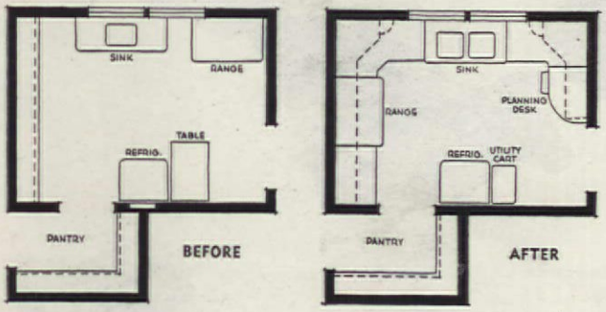
Please Pass the Cow!

MARY E. MONZE

The first person to ask for "cow" at the table may have *meant* cow—a cream pitcher molded in the image of Bossy. The real prankster was the craftsman who first took to making creamers in this form. Who he was, or when he lived, we don't know. What we do know is that, since the days of antiquity, pitchers and jugs have been made in the shape of birds and beasts and humans—and that the public has always loved them. Cow creamers were naturals—and they had a great vogue in Europe during the 18th century. Pottery cows were especially popular in this country a century later, the most celebrated ones, possibly based on English models, coming from Bennington, Vt. The Bennington cow which founded the herd above, was inherited from her grandmother and is the proud property of Mrs. Thomas G. Davis of Drexel Hills, Pa., who has collected nearly 100 of the rare and fanciful vessels, piece by piece, and no two alike. The dozen we show include English and German as well as American examples. **1.** Staffordshire, 1850. White with gold marks. **2.** Bennington brown and white cow, 1860. **3.** A black and gold English beauty. Jackfield, 1750. **4.** Akin to Bennington, this spotted cow was made in Montgomery County, Pa., c. 1830–1850. **5.** Yellow English Mocha. Bromley, 1840. **6.** A Delft cow, sporting windmill and ship on its sides. **7.** Beautifully detailed green Wedgwood, 1759. **8.** Staffordshire cow standing on a modeled base, 1850. **9.** Black and green tortoise-shell pottery by Thomas Whieldon of England, 1750. **10.** A large brown Bennington example, 1860. **11.** A German version—all dressed up like a milkmaid. **12.** This Staffordshire cow is decked out in the popular Willow pattern, 1850.

EDITH RAMSAY

A Pattern for Alterations...



We're crowing about this remodeling job—and why not, since a nosegay of AMERICAN HOME patterns is the key to its jauntiness? When Pat and Paul Lundquist revamped their kitchen, they asked decorator Marion Heuer to dress it in garnishments they had found in our pages. Recolored to fit well here, you can see how comely they are, and how cleverly they add character to white cabinets and walls.

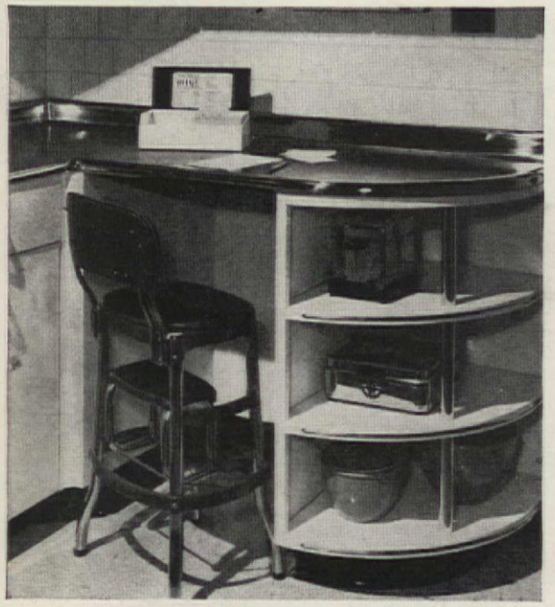
But the beauty of this remodeling, of course, is more than skin deep. Without structural changes, the Lundquists now have a remarkably useful kitchen as well as a downright pretty one. In that dreary "before" picture, see the ugly yawn under the sink, the untidy gap between sink and range. Emptiness like this isn't just unattractive—it's a waste of precious space. In her old kitchen, with its narrow and entirely inadequate working area, Pat used to complain that every cake she baked landed on the floor twice in the making. No more, for there's no such space squandering in the new plan. The range stands in a more convenient spot, near working areas, and every possible inch of wall and floor space has been put to work in a compact arrangement of counters and cabinets. All the equipment is new and automatic, and added attractions include a dishwasher, garbage disposer, and ventilator.

Data from Jessie Walker



BEFORE: It looked glum and performed poorly. It was full of gaping voids, yet there were few places to put things, no good working surfaces. Windows, close to neighbors', were only partly curtained

AFTER: New sink, complete with dishwasher and garbage disposer, is flanked by excellent cabinets and work counters. Range is more convenient to use in its new spot. Because kitchen is dark, white cabinets brighten it, but strong accent colors give the room character



KITCHEN PLANNING DESK takes on many household chores. This one, next to a door, fills a space too small for a cabinet. Shelves are rounded to free passageway to door



THERE'S NO WASTE OF SPACE. Because of door, wall next to refrigerator could take no built-ins. It houses talented movable cart

PATTERNS ARE AVAILABLE
How would they look in your kitchen or playroom? See Pattern Order Form, page 109

FOUR SETS of American Home patterns adorn it! The costumed couples with tulip trees and heart-bearing plants (1224, 1225, and 1226) come from Scandinavia via Minneapolis. We published them in December, 1949, as they appeared in the home of the Partridges. Here we show 1225 and 1226 in the original colors. 1224 (on kitchen cabinet doors) was recolored to fit the Lundquists' scheme. Sprightly border of pomegranates and grapes, Mid-European in origin and rich in folklore symbolism—decorates soffit and valances (1257)

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 108

1257

1224



2 spicy color schemes to liven your kitchen walls

1225



1226



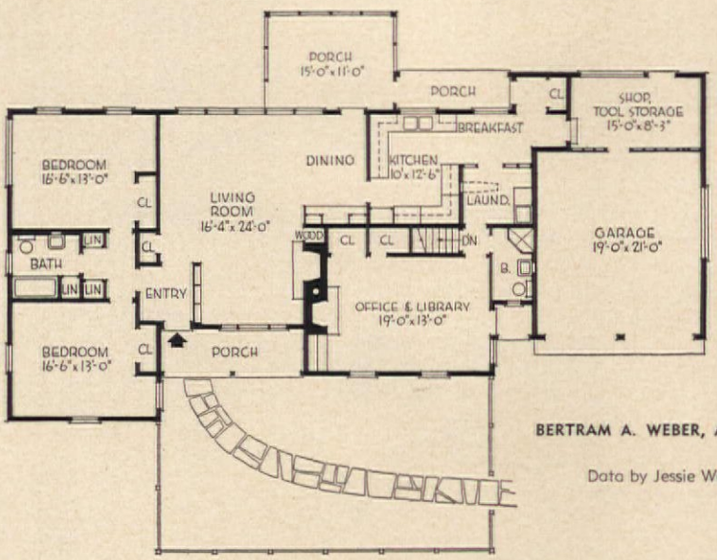
1225



1225



This House



BERTRAM A. WEBER, ARCHITECT

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YOU CAN BUY BLUEPRINTS AND BUILD THIS HOUSE • SEE

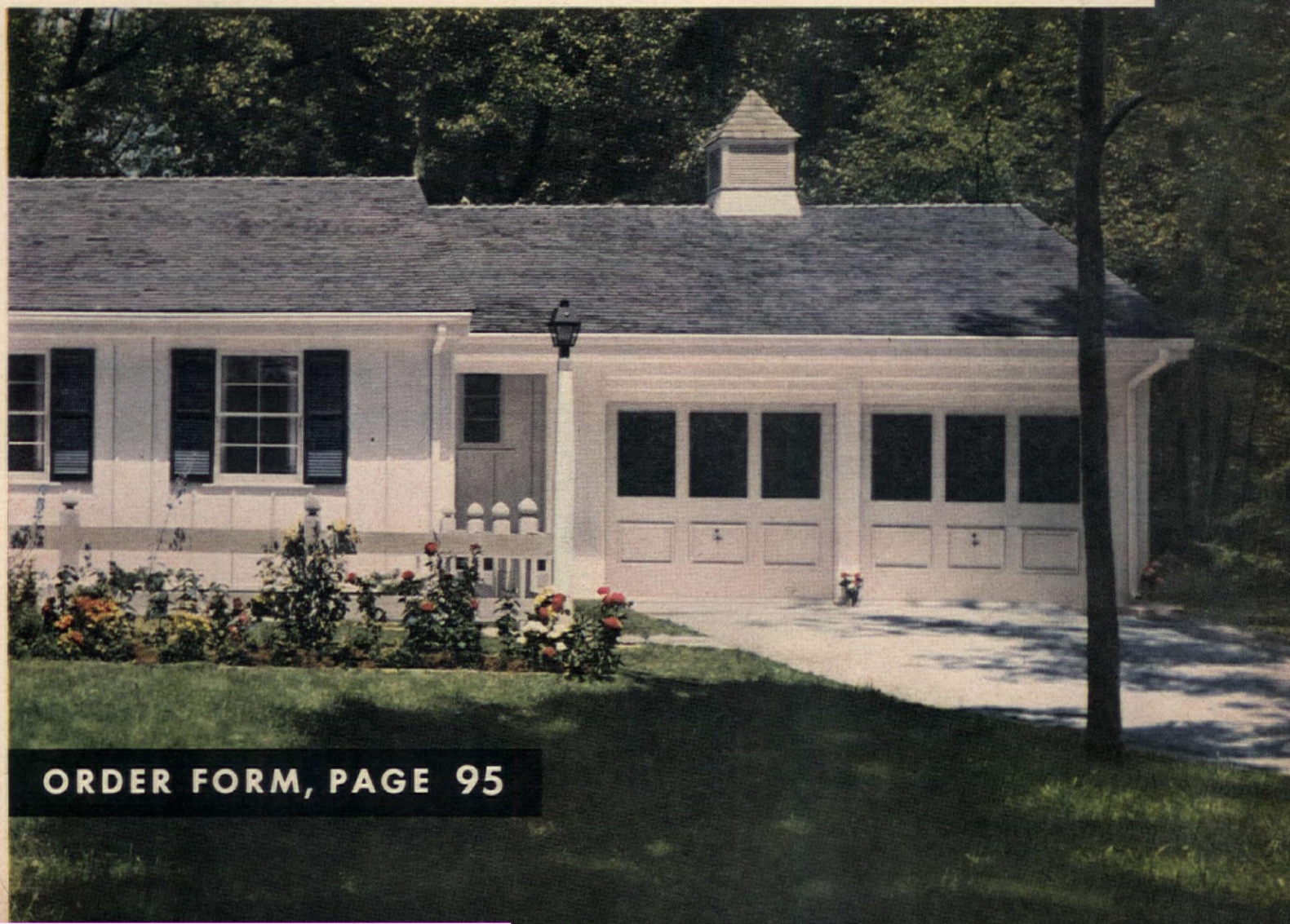
Can Bring in Revenue

Behind this engaging façade is an innovation so sensible that it may well set a trend. This is really two dwellings in one, for that multi-purpose front room and bath (called "office and library" on our plan) is a suite you can enter from the outside. Turn the laundry into a kitchenette, move the basement stairs, and it's an independent apartment. Rent it, and this house helps finance itself. But regardless of revenue, a house like this could mean a better life to many people who never dreamed of building a two-unit home.

Do you live with aging parents or with young married children—or are you apt to? Does a grown child need spiritual elbow room—or do *you* need it? Would home be more peaceful if your sons could keep their noise to themselves? Does a member of the family want seclusion for creative activity? In all these cases, a large room and bath away from the rest of the house is your answer. It's also a perfect office for a professional who needs quarters his business callers can visit without disrupting his home. (Don't overlook the fact that the laundry could become a fine laboratory, treatment room, or darkroom.)

With its board-and-batten exterior and its beautifully detailed interior rich in built-ins, this would be a gracious home even without its special talents. Living areas, including the study, occupy 1,857 square feet, while porches, garage, and workshop take another 860 feet. The brick entry hall separates the cross-ventilated bedrooms from the living quarters. The generous living room has a whole wall of glass overlooking the rear garden. Other specials include good closets, a convenient laundry, and two brick fireplaces.

This house was custom-designed to fit one man's way of life when lecturer Edward McFaul needed an office in his home. But architect Bertram A. Weber's solution was so inviting, and so adaptable, that we could see its many possibilities—that's why we're offering detailed blueprints from which you can build a house like this one. (THIS IS BLUEPRINT HOUSE NO. 10; SEE ORDER FORM, PAGE 95.)



ORDER FORM, PAGE 95

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

A friendly American staircase can sport American themes dreamed up by one of our leading rug designers. Each tread is graced by oak leaves; risers boast a proud American eagle or tell a chapter in the history of our country's transportation. Make it of wool yarn whose lush pile looks inviting and deadens noise. Our pattern includes hot-iron transfers for the motifs

1408





Get Your

1409

Traditionally yours, this stair runner and small throw rug are luxuriously deep and soft as velvet when hooked with woolen yarns in deep loops which you shear when finished. There are no fitting problems when you have a continuous border—just make it long enough. Our pattern includes a tracing of the border. Rugs on this page designed by Lees Minerva and Columbia Yarn Division

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 108

Hook in These!

Rug hooking is a friendly art which has never lost its attraction for Americans. It's friendly because nothing seems to beat a pretty-as-a-picture rug in spelling out the cozy invitation of a fireside, a hallway, or a whole big room. And it's an art because it enables you to use your talents in your leisure hours for the creation of pictures in wool—pictures which will stand up well under decades of good service and give pleasure well beyond the call of duty. We've gathered a gallery of such rugs for you here—each with a personality of its own.

To make it easy for you to fashion them yourself, we've turned them into AMERICAN HOME patterns, complete with full instructions (some even include hot-iron transfers). We tell you what colors we used, but we invite you to improvise your own. Some are designed to be made of woolen yarns which come in every hue. Others may be made either from yarn, or from strips of woolen fabric cut from your rag-bag's harvest with a rug stripper, then dyed to fit your color scheme. Hook them on a commercial foundation, or use monk's cloth or burlap specially made for rugs, available in many widths.



Mother Sargent is a beloved rug hooker from Ohio way. Down to the hummingbird, she lifted this design straight from her garden. With the help of our tracing pattern, make it from fine woolen yarns, beautifully shaded. Too pretty to walk on? Never fear, the sturdy yarn can take it!

1410



Capture autumn's bounty on a hooked rug which is perfect in a dining room. We saved scraps of woolen fabric to make this one, then dyed them to the right rich shades. Notice how shading creates a three-dimensional effect—you could pick one of those grapes! Our pattern includes hot-iron transfers

1411



1412

Who doesn't love roses? But for good measure, we added some blue morning-glories here. We made the rug of narrow strips of woolen fabric, and shaded the design so carefully that it seems to have been applied with a paintbrush instead of a rug hook. When you dye your woolen strips, don't worry if the color doesn't "take" evenly—irregularities create good shading. Our pattern includes hot-iron transfers

SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM ON PAGE 109

What's Wrong with This Table?

HOW TO JUDGE IT ON PAGE 54

GERTRUDE BRASSARD



AMERICAN HOME
TABLE SETTING PRIMER

LESSON THREE

YOUR BOX SCORE

1. TABLE _____
2. TABLE-SETTING MATERIALS
   - a. LINEN _____
   - b. CHINA _____
   - c. GLASSWARE _____
   - d. SILVER _____
   - e. CENTERPIECE _____
   - f. OTHER ACCESSORIES _____
3. GENERAL EFFECT _____

TOTAL _____

In a nutshell, the subject of this discussion is table-setting etiquette. But don't let the highfalutin term throw you. Like all modern good manners, those we observe when we set our tables have only one real purpose: genuine courtesy. Empty formality is out—the rules we keep trace their origins to common sense and to consideration for those who dine with us. Of course we want our tables to look well while we're at it: we know it doesn't make sense to offend the eye while we aim to please the palate. That's why good grooming of our tables is also a part of table-setting etiquette. (Other aspects of a table's good looks were discussed in previous articles of this series: "Appropriateness of Materials" in the September issue, "Color Co-ordination" in November.)

To show what we mean, we set the table above for an informal dinner—and, on purpose, we made some mistakes. Our hypothetical menu is seafood cocktail, a roast, vegetables, and salad—followed by dessert and coffee. Where did we go wrong? Make a game of spotting this table's shortcomings by reading our standards of judgment ("How to Judge," page 54), then rating this setting in the box score at your left (total possible points: 25). On the next page you'll see a better job and learn how we rated this one.

If you want to be a considerate hostess, imagine yourself at every place at your table. Would you have elbow room? Leg room? Room to swing around to help yourself if servants pass the food? Could you talk and see over the centerpiece easily? Could you

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 88

...our Next Meal is Half Ready Already

...when you've a well-stocked Soup Shelf



Launch Your Lunch—Fast!

You whisk off your shelf a can of "the soup most folks like best"; broil bacon strips and spread your sandwich.

Tomato Soup
Peanut Butter & Bacon Sandwich
Lettuce Salad



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

BY Anne Marshall

Women everywhere are discovering what a smart idea it is to have a full soup shelf, stocked with the family's favorite soups. It's a real convenience, and a time and step-saver. You can snap your fingers at bad shopping weather. You're prepared for any occasion—family lunch or supper . . . children's meals . . . trays for the convalescent . . . unexpected guests.

For your soup shelf means your meal's half ready already . . . any time. You plan it around a hearty, nourishing main-dish soup—ready in just 4 minutes.

What soups to stock? Probably, like most women, you'll *start* with several cans of those two indispensable soups: tomato and cream of mushroom. Both are 3-way soups, serving as soup, as sauce and as cooking ingredient. In addition, you'll no doubt want some vegetable soup, vegetable beef, chicken with rice and chicken noodle.

So fill up your soup shelf and be sure to try these menu suggestions.

Supper's a Cinch!

With steaming, fragrant bowls of cream of mushroom—"the luxury soup"—you serve cheese soufflé in small casseroles.

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Individual Cheese Soufflé
Bowl of Fresh Fruit

"Baby Makes Three!"



She'll like vegetable beef soup—with its fine vegetables and tender pieces of beef. For added nourishment, make it with milk.

Apple Sauce **Vegetable Beef Soup** **Animal Crackers** **Milk**

THIS IS CORRECT (Begins on page 52)



—And Why

OUR BOX SCORE
(For Setting on Page 52)

1.	TABLE	1½ pts.
2.	TABLE-SETTING MATERIALS	
	a. LINEN	1 pt.
	b. CHINA	3¾ pts.
	c. GLASSWARE	3¾ pts.
	d. SILVER	2 pts.
	e. CENTERPIECE	2 pts.
	f. OTHER ACCESSORIES	3 pts.
3.	GENERAL EFFECT	1 pt.
	TOTAL	18 pts.

You've seen the setting on page 52. Wouldn't you rather dine at this one? Compare the two. **CHOICE OF TABLE:** The table is the same, but if you use mats, you should add a leaf or use a larger table for six places. (Score 1½ pts.) **TABLE SETTING MATERIALS:** *Linen*—Because table is oval and overcrowded, square mats overlap and overhang untidily. Cloth, crisply creased, laid properly without silence cloth, gives more spacious effect. Napkins folded square further cramp the faulty setting—oblongs here are better. (Score 1 pt.) *China*—On page 52, bread-and-butter plates are partly off mats and one is turned with pattern sideways. (Score 3¾ pts.) *Glassware*, due to crowding of setting on page 52, is out of place. (Score 3¾ pts.) *Silver* as placed on page 52 is awkward to use: you'd upset forks getting at napkin; you'd pick up oyster fork with your left hand, then switch it to your right; teaspoon not needed for menu we planned. Also, butter knife dangles instead of crossing plate smartly, as here. (Score 2 pts.) *Centerpiece* is less crowded here where birds, good in themselves, were omitted and fewer flowers were used. (Score 2 pts.) *Other Accessories* are well placed in both settings. (Score 3 pts.) **GENERAL EFFECT**—Correct setting invites relaxed dining; the other, cluttered and careless, inhospitably suggests tension. (Score 1 pt.) [For "Appropriateness of Materials" and "Color Co-ordination," subjects of the first two lessons in this Primer, we give both settings the full 25 and 20 points respectively.]

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 108

Excitement's written all over it!

Here's gay, sparkling color to suit anyone's fancy. That's the exciting part of Del Monte Fruit Cocktail.

Did you ever see such tidy, generous cuts of five glorious fruits? How richly ripe they are, too!



derful how quick
easy it is, too!
spoon it out.
know Del Monte
ays delivers flavor!

FRUIT COCKTAIL SPANISH CREAM

1 No. 2½ can DEL MONTE Fruit Cocktail	2 tsps. grated lemon peel
1½ tbsps. unflavored gelatin	2 tbsps. lemon juice
3 eggs, separated	1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup sugar	Dash of salt
1½ cups milk	Small jelly roll
	Whipped cream, if desired

Drain fruit cocktail, reserving syrup. Soften gelatin in ½ cup of the syrup. In top of double boiler, mix egg yolks and ¼ cup of the sugar. Stir in milk. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until mixture coats metal spoon. Remove from heat; stir in softened gelatin, lemon peel and juice, vanilla and 1 cup of the drained fruit. Chill till mixture begins to thicken. Make meringue of egg whites, salt and remaining ¼ cup of sugar. Fold into custard mixture. Slice jelly roll; place slices against sides of 2-qt. loaf pan. Turn pudding into pan. Chill till firm. Unmold; serve topped with remaining fruit cocktail, chilled, and garnish with whipped cream sweetened with some of the remaining fruit cocktail syrup, if desired. Serves 8.

Del Monte Fruit Cocktail

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ELEANOR LEE JONES

Family Meal Fit for Company

New zest for old-fashioned pot roast . . .

Almonds and poppy seeds in a noodle ring . . .

Cherry 'n cheese tart finale . . .

To most folks, meals are one of two kinds: company or family. To us, this is a mighty strange way of dividing up, for families are just about the most important people we know—and who better deserves to sit down to a meal turned out as beautifully as any you ever made for company? The super-special linen cloth may remain in its familiar drawer, and the very best silver may rest in the darkness of its air-tight chest, but for making family meals happier occasions, give them good, bountiful food with at least one shining course.

Patriotic February's holidays offer reams of ideas for dressing foods to suit the occasion. We may have learned a good example of truthfulness from George Washington's cherry tree adventure, and grateful are we that he chopped down a tree bearing this flaming-red, tart fruit! Stop to consider how elegantly cherries join up with the smoothness of cream cheese mixed with orange rind to make a finale you'll agree ends a family dinner in grand style. Pretty to look at—and so good to eat!

Even though we've given Cherry 'n Cheese Treats star billing, we might very well have moved a juicy, horseradish-flavored pot roast right up to the top. Here's a recipe we think you'll place in your favorite meat file—and what meat is easier in the doing than a good, old-fashioned pot roast?

Whole white onions and potatoes go with most every pot roast, and far be it from us to omit onions stewed in the meat's rich juices. As a change from the everyday potato, we show you a ring of noodles filled with buttered carrots to which we added a fresh zip of lemon juice. Chopped almonds and the subtlety of poppy seeds add a crunchiness to noodles out of the package. An idea you might like to try the next time a party's on your agenda: use this recipe for individual rings and fill with your special chicken à la king.

A crisp salad with a tangy dressing is the touch we need to round out the main course. Red and green cabbage make such a lovely salad bowl! Too often we seem bound to the green variety of this vegetable—both are on the inexpensive list, and high in nutrition.

And so ends a family meal that's simplicity itself, simple from start to finish—but can't miss being a crowning success because it's planned to treat *your* family royally.

MENU

New York Pot Roast, Horseradish Sauce
Almond Poppy Seed Noodle Ring, Lemon Buttered Carrots
Tangy Supper Salad, Garlic French Bread
Cherry 'n Cheese Treats



RECIPES ON PAGE 68



Good

JEAN AUSTIN



MEMORY CAKE • NUTMEG FROSTING, APPLESAUCE FILLING



CHEF'S SALAD



THE CLAN'S FAVORITE



MANY "GREATS" HAVE BEEN OF HUMBLE ORIGIN, and I speak not just of men. Some of the world's most famous, as well as universally loved, food is of peasant origin. Who can deny that corned beef and cabbage ("Irish Turkey") falls into this category? Calling only for a few of the simplest, homeliest ingredients, it is nonetheless "great" eating and it should be a Federal offense to present it to the table as anything else. Were I a judge, I should give a life sentence to those so callous and insensitive as to serve colorless beef and watery cabbage. A bounteous, brimming platter of rosy, tender brisket of beef you've corned yourself, surrounded by crisp cabbage the color of spring's first green; plump, firm potatoes shining with hot golden butter and tangy chopped parsley—the Irish, God bless 'em, have given us one of the real "greats."

For months I've been promising myself to find, or recreate myself, the old-fashioned ginger cake I remember

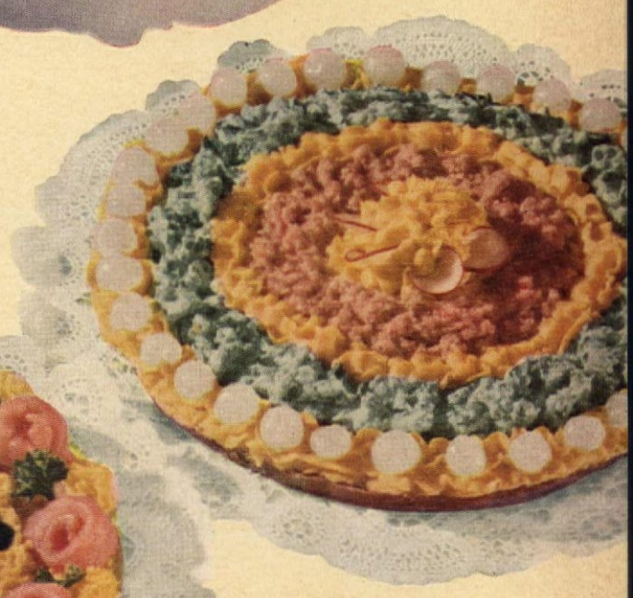
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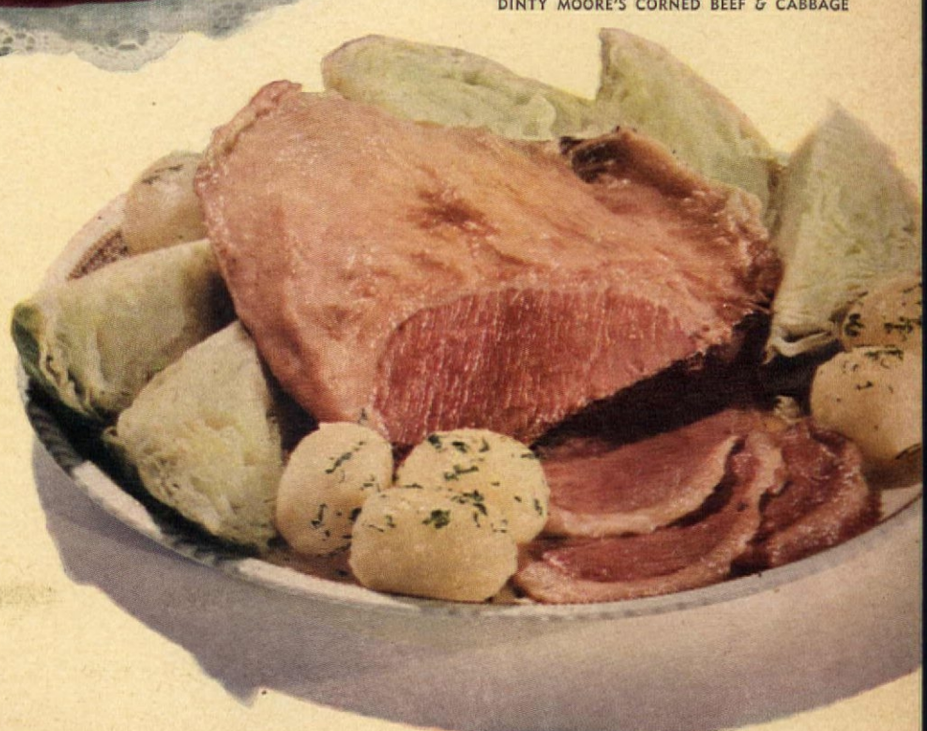
Good news it is when ye editor can give you the real gourmet stuff with a "low-costly" price tag!





V. A. P.'S

DINTY MOORE'S CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE



so fondly. It wasn't dank and dark and heavy and sodden and all the things gingerbread is today. I remember it as rather light-complexioned and light as a feather and elusively fragrant, definitely not reeking of ginger only. Well, I tried a great number of recipes that read as though they might be "it" and weren't. But here, one month later than I had hoped to have it for you, is *my* memory of ginger cake. I hope you like it very well, as I do.

Table-hopping from dessert to appetizer, no doubt you've seen Theatre in the Round but have you ever seen hors d'oeuvres in the round? Nor I—until Vera brought in these two handsome "pies." A clever one, this Vera, when it comes to appetizers and hors d'oeuvres. Remember her wonderful ones we gave you before and that you could make days ahead? Well, these make sense, too. Instead of fiddling away with myriads of little bits and pieces, one brings in one gay "pie" for all to see and admire, then proceeds to cut as wanted. Color schemes and

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 72

Spring in a Pie Shell!

THREE NEW BAKER'S COCONUT BEAUTIES!

All the magic—all the fresh beauty of spring go into your pie-making when you conspire with luscious Baker's Coconut!

And here's a garden of gay beauties to pick from! *Spring Posie Pie*—so rich with toasted Baker's Coconut. *Pink Blossom*—chewy-luscious chocolate pie. *Ambrosia Pie*—gold and white and flavor-fresh with Baker's Coconut!

Choose one *now*—for tonight's dessert!

SPRING POSIE PIE

Mix 1 envelope gelatine and ¼ cup cold water in bowl. Combine ¼ cup sugar and 2 egg yolks in saucepan. Add 1½ cups milk gradually, stirring constantly.

Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture coats spoon. (Do *not* boil.) Remove from heat. Pour over gelatine and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat 2 egg whites with ¼ teaspoon salt until foamy, add ¼ cup sugar gradually. Continue beating until stiff. Fold into gelatine mixture.

Fold in ½ cup cream, whipped, and ¾ of a package of Baker's Coconut, toasted (1 heaping cup). Turn into baked 9-inch pie shell. Sprinkle top with remaining toasted coconut and chill until firm. Garnish with blossoms made by clipping marshmallows to resemble petals. Place small piece of cherry in center of each blossom.

To toast coconut, spread thinly in shallow baking pan. Place in moderate oven (350°F.) and toast 5 to 7 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Pink Blossom Pie. Make chocolate pie on Jell-O Chocolate Pudding package, adding 1 cup Baker's Coconut, cut, with the milk. After cooking, add ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract, then cool. Turn into pie shell, chill, spread with ⅓ cup cream, whipped. Sprinkle with ½ cup Baker's Coconut, tinted pink.

To tint coconut, sprinkle on sheet of white paper. Dilute a tiny bit of red vegetable coloring in ½ cup of water; sprinkle over coconut, then rub evenly through coconut.

Ambrosia Pie. Make coconut pie filling on Baker's Premium Shred Coconut package, substituting 2 teaspoons grated orange rind for vanilla. Turn into baked 9-inch pie shell, top with whipped cream or unbaked meringue. Garnish with 2 cups orange sections and ½ cup Baker's Coconut.



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How to Make V.A.P.'s

SEE RECIPE ON PAGE 74



Cut large, round bread, such as French, rye, pumpernickel, or any other round-type loaf in slices not more than ½-inch thick. Leave crust on bread



Spread slice generously with butter and mayonnaise mixed half and half. Start to decorate with different spreads: egg paste, water cress and cream cheese, ham spread, etc.



Decorate the center with sliced radishes and garnish the outside rim with small onions, as shown in recipe on page 74

SUPER PUDDIN'

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LEMON CAKE TOP PUDDING is its proper name. But when you taste the delicious lemon custard on the bottom that changes to tender spongecake on top... when you see how easy it is to make and how little it costs...you'll call it super too. It's a cinch to become a regular with your family. That is, if you make it with fine **FRESH Sunkist LEMONS!**





LEMON CAKE TOP PUDDING

3 tbsp. butter — 1 cup sugar — 4 egg yolks

⅓ cup fresh lemon juice — 2 tsp. grated lemon rind — ¼ tsp. salt

3 tbsp. flour — 1 cup milk — 4 egg whites

⅓ cup toasted slivered almonds

Cream butter, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks and beat well. Add flour, lemon juice, rind, salt and mix well. Stir in milk. Blend in ¼ cup almonds. Beat egg whites until stiff, fold into mixture. Pour into loaf baking dish, 9 x 5 inches. Set in pan of hot water and bake in slow oven (325°F.) 40 minutes. Turn thermostat to 350° and bake until brown, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining almonds and serve either warm or chilled. Makes 8 servings.

FRESH **Sunkist Lemons** FROM CALIFORNIA

Secrets FROM THE Sunkist Kitchen



BY GERTRUDE AUSTIN
Sunkist Home Economics Director

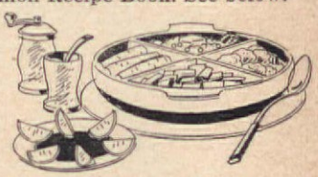
Mix a few drops of fresh lemon juice with the butter when spreading sandwiches. Extra-special treat!

For sparking up fish platters, sprinkle lemon wedges with paprika. The paprika adds its flavor to the fish, along with the tang and pungence of the fresh lemon.



And don't ever forget those juicy wedges of lemon when serving tea. Lemon brings out the flavor like magic. Adds that tantalizing aroma.

This is lemon pie season. There are *ten* lemon pie recipes in our Sunkist Lemon Recipe Book. See below.



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• rainbow parfaits

YOU'LL NEED:

1 pkg. butterscotch pudding mix
¼ lb. (16) packaged caramels
Heavy cream

1 pkg. orange-flavored gelatin
1 pkg. orange-coconut tapioca pudding mix

1 pkg. chocolate pudding mix
1 pkg. coconut cream pudding and pie filling mix
Lime juice; Mint extract

Preparation time: 20 min.

CARAMEL BUTTERSCOTCH

Combine caramels and ½ cup heavy cream.
Cook slowly, stirring until caramels melt.
Alternate layers of pudding and sauce.

ORANGE COCONUT

Fill dessert glasses about ½ full with gelatin.
Chill until firm.
Fill with orange-coconut tapioca pudding.

CHOCOLATE MINT-VANILLA COCONUT

Flavor chocolate pudding with mint extract.
Alternate with layers of coconut cream pudding flavored with lime juice.

SPECIAL pudding tips from our American Home kitchen! Try these ways with **chocolate pudding mix:** Alternate layers of cubed, leftover cake and cooled pudding, chill, and serve with whipped cream flavored with nutmeg . . . Fold ¼ cup grated orange rind into pudding and chill thoroughly . . . Prepare pudding using 2 cups coffee as the liquid and serve with lemon sherbet. • An added flavor idea for **vanilla pudding mix:** Add 1 cup sliced bananas and 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces to pudding. • Taste treats with **butterscotch pudding mix:** Fold in 1 cup cold precooked rice. Prepare pudding with 1 cup milk, chill, and pour over vanilla ice cream. Be sure to top with chopped walnuts! • Suggestions for varying **orange coconut tapioca pudding mix:** Fold in 1½ cups coarsely broken, crisp chocolate cookies . . . Add 2 tbs. lemon rind and 1 cup broken peanut brittle . . . Fill a baked 8-inch pastry shell with the pudding mix, sprinkle with lime juice, top with crumbled chocolate chip cookies.

• party squares

YOU'LL NEED:

1 package lemon pudding and pie filling mix

Eggs

Graham crackers

Heavy cream

Shredded coconut

Preparation time: 20 mi

Prepare pudding mix according to directions on the package. Cool.
Crush 12 double graham crackers to make 2 cups crumbs.
Beat ½ pint heavy cream until stiff.
Combine whipped cream with 1¾ cups crumbs and mix well.
Pack evenly into the bottom of an 8" x 8" pan.
Fold 1 cup shredded coconut into lemon mixture.
Pour over crumb mixture. Sprinkle remaining crumbs over top.
Garnish with coconut if desired.
Chill for several hours.

Note: If desired, chocolate pudding mix may be used. Prepare pudding according to directions on the package, using 1½ cups milk.

Cool and fold in 1 cup finely cut marshmallows.

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• peanut-butter-scotch

YOU'LL NEED:

1 package butterscotch pudding and pie filling mix
Milk
Peanut butter
Eggs
Sugar
Jelly

Preparation time: 15 min.

Prepare pudding according to directions on the package.
Remove from heat.
Add ¼ cup peanut butter and mix well.
Cool.
Beat 3 egg whites until frothy, then add 6 tbs. sugar, gradually, beating constantly.
Continue beating until stiff.
Fold ⅔ of the meringue into pudding.
Pour into serving dishes.
Drop remaining meringue by spoonfuls in pudding.
Top meringues with bits of jelly.
Serve immediately.

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• gâteau royale

YOU'LL NEED:

1 package vanilla pudding and pie filling mix
Milk
Cream
Lemon
Rum or sherry
1 8-oz. baker's pound cake
1 #2 can applesauce

Preparation time: 15 min.

Prepare pudding according to directions on the package, adding ½ cup cream to required liquid.
Add peel of 1 lemon to pudding while cooking. Cool.
Remove lemon peel and add ¼–½ cup rum or sherry according to taste.
Cut pound cake lengthwise in ¼-inch slices.
Sprinkle each slice with rum or sherry and spread with applesauce.
Arrange cake slices in layers, using plain slice for top layer.
Pour custard over cake.
Chill.

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• black and gold stack pie

YOU'LL NEED:

1 package pie crust mix

1 package chocolate pudding and pie filling mix

1 package vanilla pudding and pie filling mix

Milk

Heavy cream

Rum

Preparation time: 20 min.

Prepare a 9-inch pie shell according to directions on the package. Bake.
Roll remaining pastry out to ⅛-inch thickness and cut a round which is 8 inches in diameter; prick well.
Bake at 400° F. for 15–20 minutes. Cool pie-crust shell and round.
Prepare chocolate pudding according to directions on the package, using 1 cup milk.
Cool and add ¼ cup rum.
Beat ½ cup heavy cream until stiff and fold in.
Prepare vanilla pudding according to directions on the package using 1½ cups milk. Cool.
Beat ½ cup heavy cream until stiff and fold in. Pour chocolate mixture in pie shell. Cover with pie crust round.
Pour vanilla mixture over round. Chill thoroughly.

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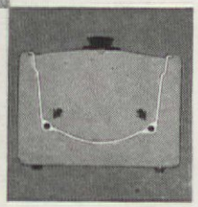
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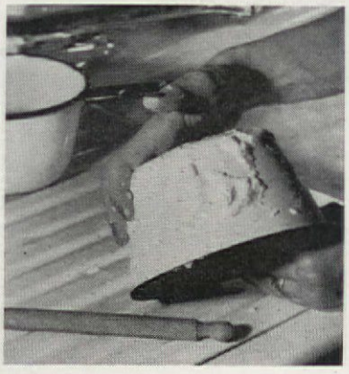
Spot burning will not occur on stainless steel if you start cooking on low heat and build up heat gradually. Keep clean with steel-wool pads or mild scouring powders

The Care and Seasoning of Pots and Pans

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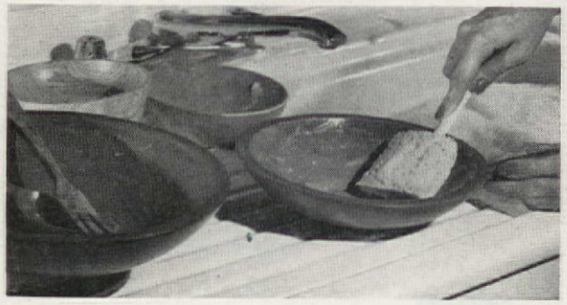
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Enamel

Surface of porcelain enamel is like glass. Don't drop or boil dry. Use wood spoon to stir. If you do burn food in it, soak a baking-soda solution in it, or apply baking-soda poultice



Wood

Never polish, rewax, or shellac your wooden bowls. Just wash with cellulose sponge and mild soap or detergent. Rinse quickly under running water. Dry immediately. Don't soak



Glass

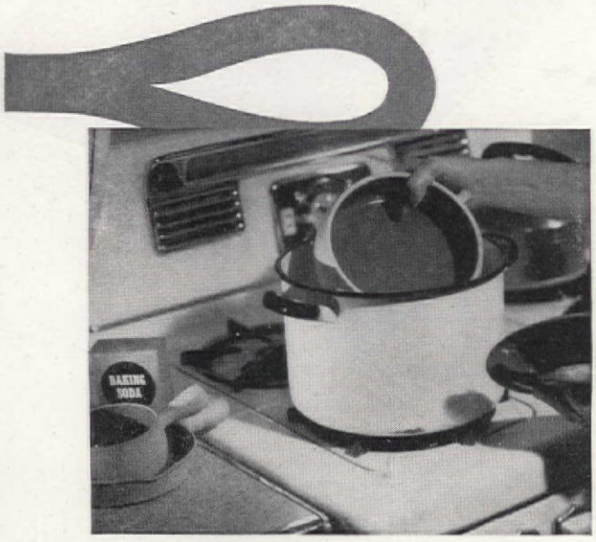
Where water is hard, remove lime deposits from glass frequently. Boil vinegar-water solution (2 tbs. vinegar to 1 qt. water) in utensil. To remove burned particles, soak baking-soda solution in utensil (3 tbs. soda to 1 qt. water)

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 108

Aluminum

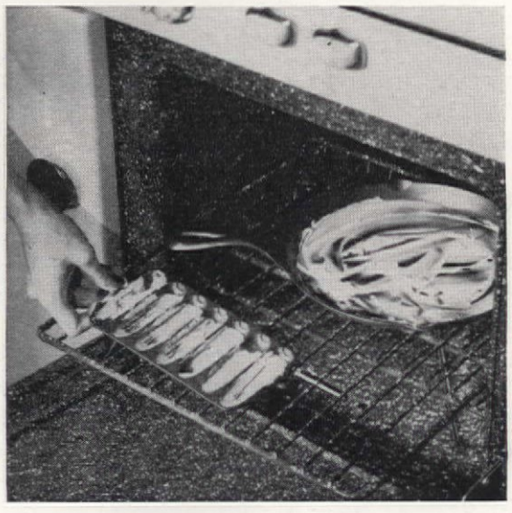
Keep clean with scouring pads or powder. Remove interior stains by boiling cream of tartar solution (2 tsp. cream of tartar to 1 qt. water) in utensil





Earthenware

To season earthenware, place whole thing in cold, mild, baking-soda solution (1 tbs. soda to 1 qt. water) and simmer for an hour. Scouring powder removes stubborn stains



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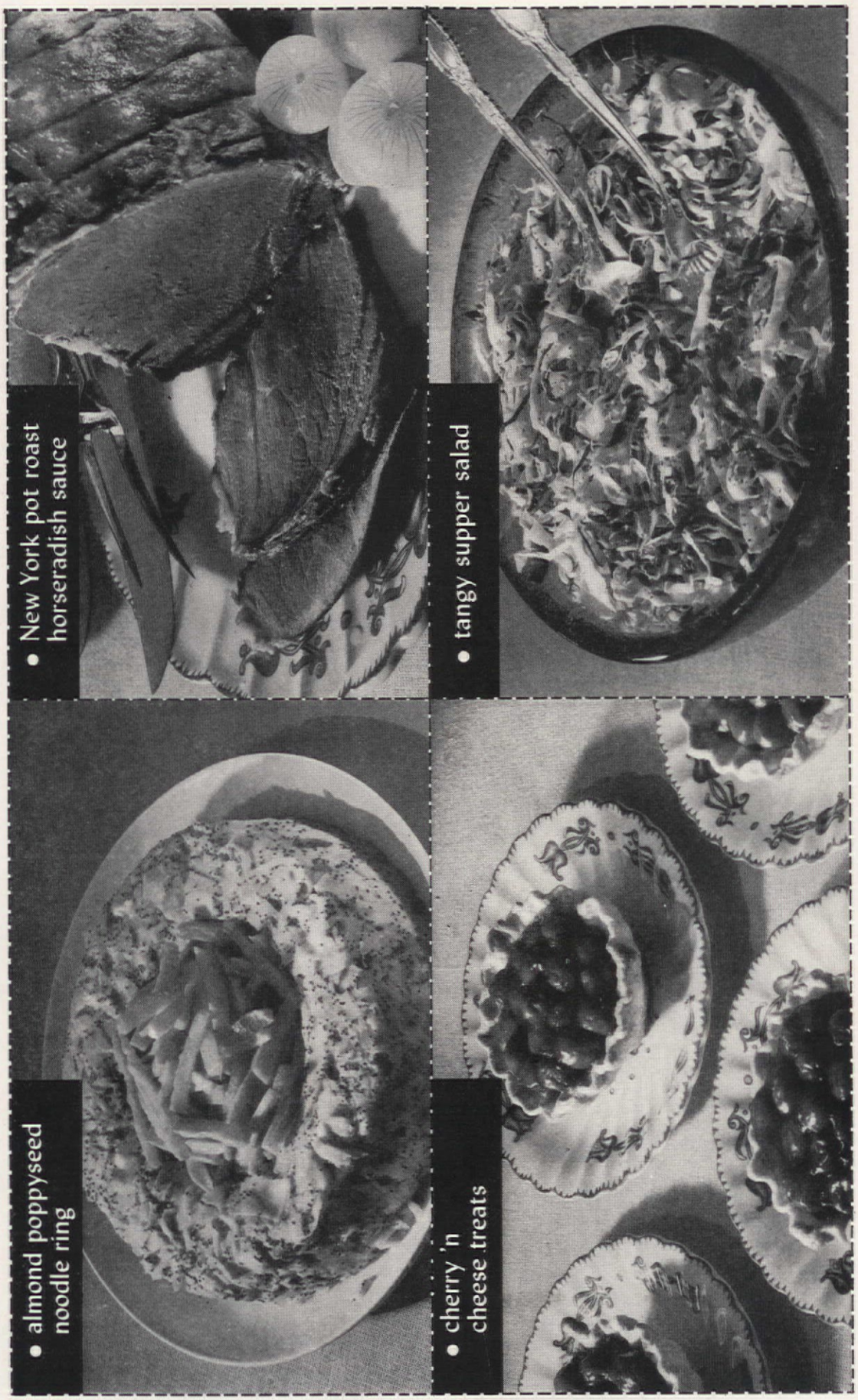
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Family Meal (Begins on page 56)





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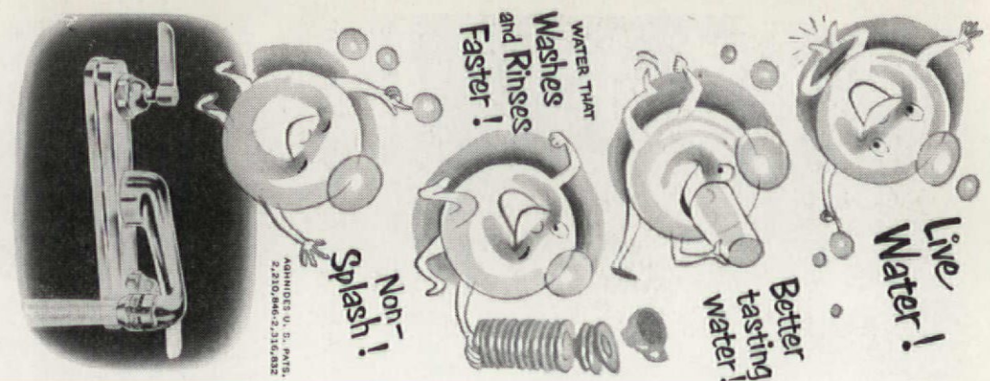


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Family Meal (Begins on page 56)

• cherry 'n cheese treats

6 baked tart shells
1 #2 can sour cherries
2 tbs. cornstarch
½ cup sugar
¼ cup cold water
⅛ tsp. salt
½ cup cherry juice
2 3-oz. packages cream cheese
2 tbs. cream
2 tbs. grated orange rind

Drain cherries well; reserve juice. Combine cornstarch and sugar in a saucepan. Add cold water and stir until dissolved. Add salt and cherry juice. Bring to a boil and cook for about 5 minutes or until clear. Remove from heat and cool. Add cherries and mix lightly. Soften cream cheese with cream and add orange rind. Spread about ¼-inch thick in bottom of each tart shell. Fill with cherry glaze.

Serves 6 ***482 cal. per serving***

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• tangy supper salad

1 small head red cabbage
1 medium-sized head green cabbage
½ cup vinegar
¼ cup chopped onion
½ tsp. dry mustard
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. sugar
¾ cup salad oil
2 tsp. celery seed

Grate red and green cabbage coarsely. Toss together lightly. Combine vinegar, onion, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar, oil, and celery seed. Shake until thoroughly blended. Add dressing to cabbage and toss lightly.

Serves 6 ***276 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamin B complex, C***

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• almond poppyseed noodle ring

1 8-oz. package noodles
2 cups medium white sauce
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. lemon rind
3 tbs. poppy seeds
½ cup chopped almonds

Cook noodles according to directions on the package. Drain well. Combine noodles and remaining ingredients. Pour into a well greased, 9-inch ring mold. Bake at 300° F. for 1 hour and 10 minutes. Unmold on serving platter. Fill with Lemon Buttered Carrots if desired.

Note: Lemon Buttered Carrots—Combine 3 cups cooked carrots with ¼ cup melted butter or margarine and 2 tbs. lemon juice.

Serves 6 ***428 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamin A, B complex***

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• New York pot roast horseradish sauce

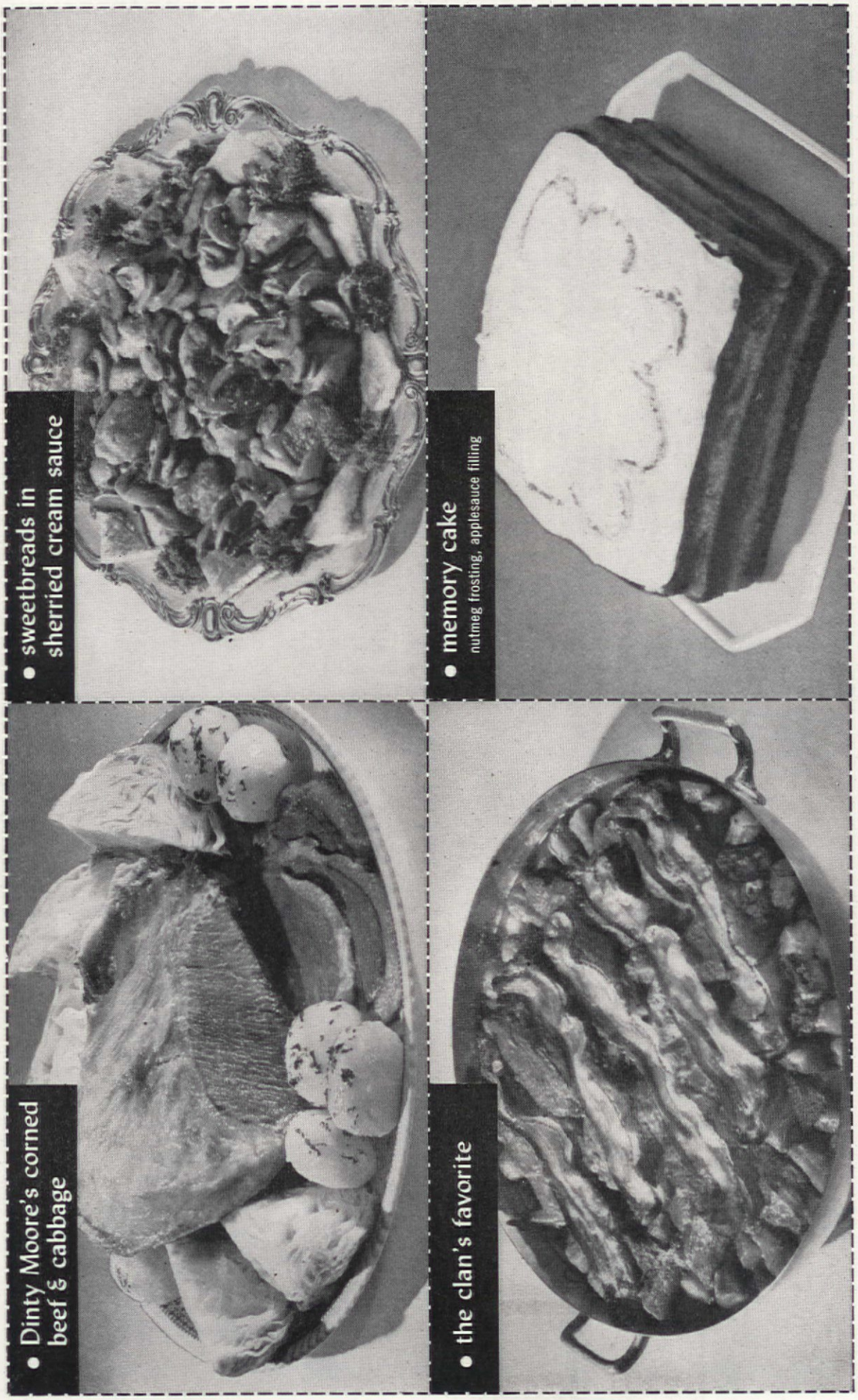
3 lbs. boned, rolled chuck, rump, or round beef
2 tbs. melted fat
1 tsp. garlic salt
1 6-oz. bottle horseradish
3 tbs. all-purpose flour
6 medium-sized onions, peeled

Brown meat well on all sides in melted fat. Sprinkle with garlic salt. Add enough water to horseradish to make 1 cup. Pour over meat. Cover and simmer for about 2 hours. Add onions and continue cooking for about 30 minutes. Remove meat and onions. Pour off drippings. Add enough water to make 2 cups. Place 3 tbs. of the drippings in pan and blend in flour. Add liquid and cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thickened.

Serves 6 ***473 cal. per serving*** ***Source of Vitamin B complex***

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 58)



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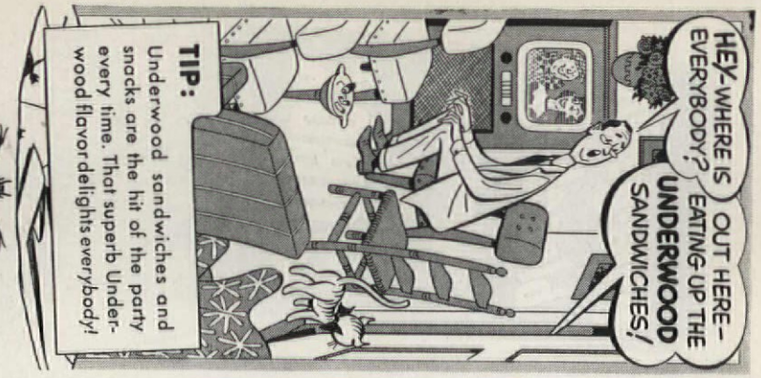
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• memory cake

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Cream ⅓ cup shortening and 1½ cups brown sugar. Add 2 eggs; beat thoroughly. Sift and add:

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½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. nutmeg

alternating with ¾ cup milk. Bake in 2 8 x 8-in. greased and floured pans 30 min. in 350° F. oven. Cut each layer with thread or fine string while still warm. When cool, spread applesauce between each layer. Frost with nutmeg sour cream frosting.

Nutmeg Frosting: Cook together 2 cups sour cream, 2 cups granulated sugar until mixture forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water. (234° F. on candy thermometer.) Cool to lukewarm. Add 1 tsp. vanilla, ½ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• Dinty Moore's corned beef & cabbage

3 lbs. corned beef
⅓ cup granulated sugar
1 head cabbage, quartered
¼ lb. fat salt pork

Cover 3 lbs. corned beef* with cold water; simmer 3½ hours, skimming off fat frequently. Add fresh boiling water as often as necessary to keep the beef covered at all times during the cooking. Fifteen minutes before meat is done, add ⅓ cup granulated sugar. (If it is to be served cold, let cool in water in which it was boiled.) Serve with cabbage and boiled potatoes.

Cabbage: Boil head of cabbage, quartered, with ¼ lb. fat salt pork for 7 minutes only.

*Please see the July 1951 issue, in which we gave a very fine yet easy recipe for corning beef.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Serves 6

• sweetbreads in sherried cream sauce

1 pair of sweetbreads
1 lb. mushrooms
1 tbs. flour
4 tbs. butter
1 cup cream
4 tbs. sherry wine
¼ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. salt

Soak sweetbreads in cold water for 30 minutes. Drain. Put in saucepan, cover with cold water and parboil with 1 tsp. salt, 1 tbs. vinegar or lemon juice. Cook gently for 20 min. Chill in cold water. Discard tubes and membrane. Cut in pieces and sauté in 1 tbs. butter for about 10–15 min. or until brown on all sides. Add a few drops of water whenever the pan gets dry.

Remove stems from mushrooms and wipe the caps with clean cloth. Slice and sauté in hot pan with 3 tbs. butter. Add salt and pepper, blend in the flour and cream. Let come to a boil and pour over sweetbreads. Simmer a few min. before adding the wine. Serve with toast triangles and parsley.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

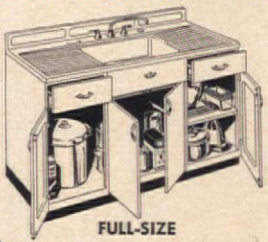
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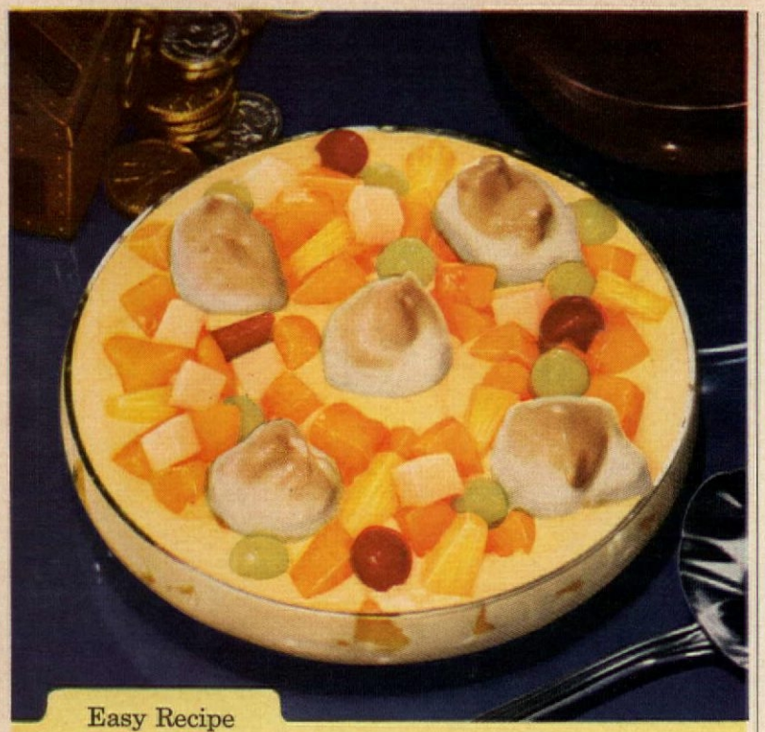
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taste effects are limitless, of course. V. A. P.'s I've named them, short for Vera's Appetizer Pies, not another Washington agency! Details for the doing, as well as recipe for the making, on this one.

To witness the pomp and ceremony that goes into the serving of a chef's salad, one would think the Captain tossed nothing less than shredded gold, rubies and emeralds! Granted, a good one can look that good and rates a bit of show-off. But heavens above, it's such an easy thing to assemble, why don't *you* pull the same act at home? Swank eating outside, it's budget eating at home for you know what? It's a mighty impressive way to serve left-over chicken, tongue, or what have you?

I have mentioned Edie Ramsay in this column before. Edie's our Equipment and Household Management Editor. She's a good cook. I told you that before. But what I did not tell you is that she is part Scotch. Now "part Scotch" is like a "little garlic." There is no such thing, and that makes our Edie very thrifty and very, very frugal with the coins. She says her mother's great fat cook invented this casserole. I may be maligning the whole Ramsay clan, but it's my bet the Ramsays wouldn't give her meat to put in it and so she went right ahead and cooked it anyway. Nothing wrong with that when it turns out as delicious as this one. And right here, I should like to urge you to try it. The ingredients do not sound too exciting and you may think it will turn out just another of those "tomato-and-things" casseroles. It's lots better than that, believe me, and a most satisfying, attractive meal 'twould make served with cold cuts or left-over roast. And think how low-costly. (The words are mine, replacing the extant phrase low-cost and the now-archaic word cheap.)

Now you may have a wonderful recipe for sweetbreads in cream sauce, delicately perfumed with sherry. If so, skip this one. But, if yours is just average or only fairly satisfactory, here's the excellent basic recipe you'll want to keep forever. There are many other ways, but for my money, here's the best way and always will be the most delicious way to serve sweetbreads. And as of this writing, sweetbreads, frozen or fresh, are very definitely "budget." All the world and his wife want steaks and chops, and pay for them. Far too few the wise who can recognize gourmet eating under a budget price tag! So here we are with recipes to please your gourmet self, food you can serve your snobbish friends, and food that is not price-tagged out-of-this-world. One can't honestly say "low cost" these days, so shall we settle for "low-costly"—if the victuals are good?

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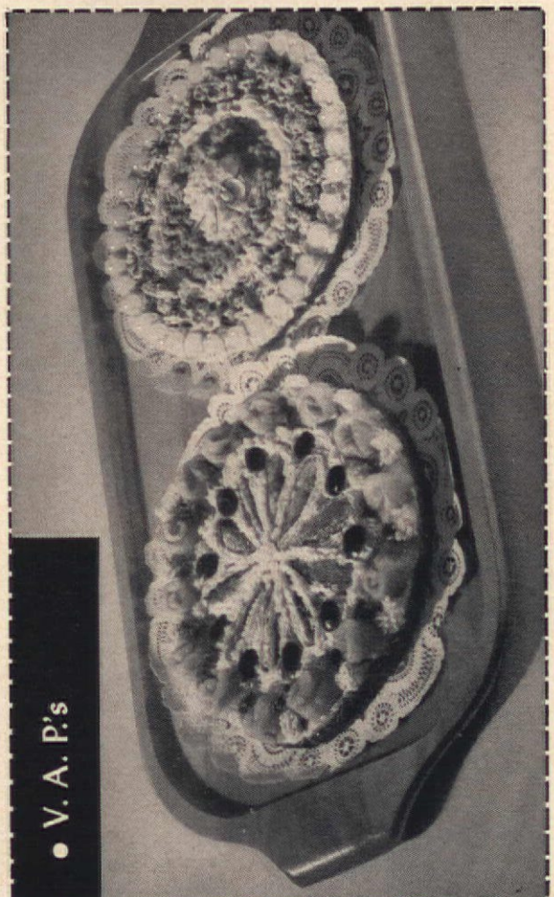
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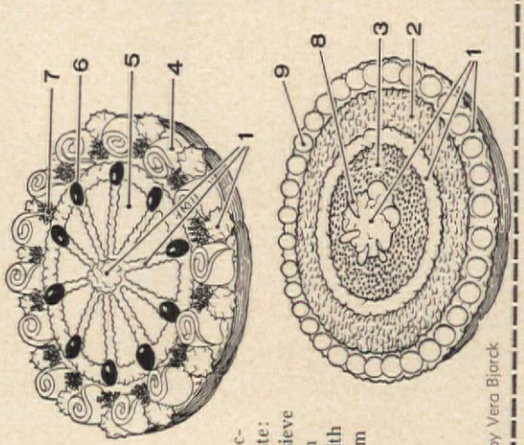
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Serve in small, wedge-shaped pieces.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

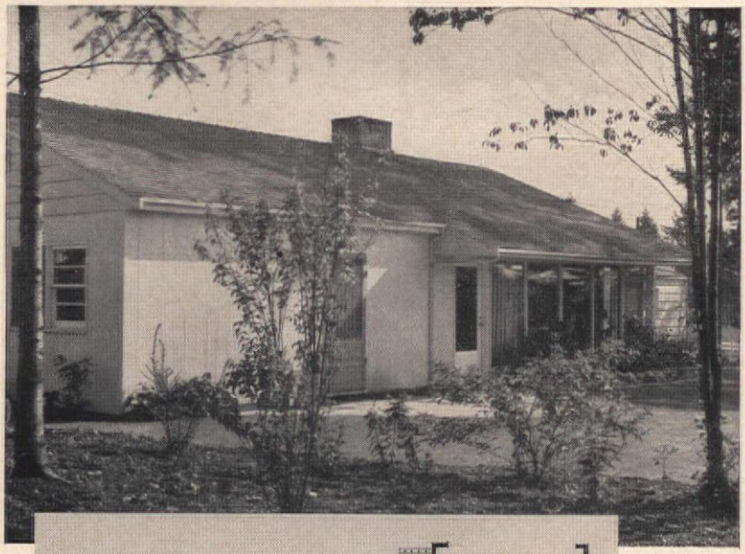
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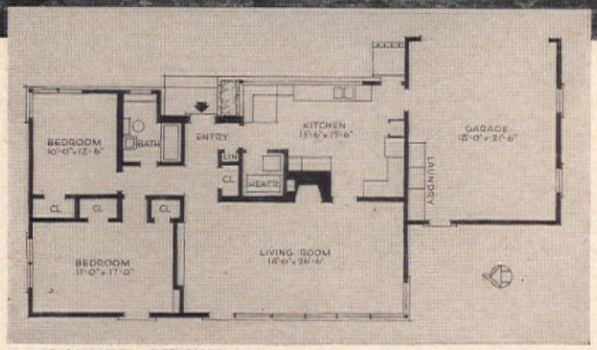
Rub salad bowl with cut clove of garlic. Prepare a combination of well-dried, crisp salad greens, romaine, iceberg lettuce, and water cress. Tear in pieces with fingers and place in salad bowl. Cut Julienne-shaped pieces of ham, turkey, and Swiss cheese, and tomatoes cut in wedges. Arrange in equal amounts on top of salad greens. Serve with French dressing:

¼ cup cider vinegar
¾ cup olive oil
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper

Recipe by Jean Austin

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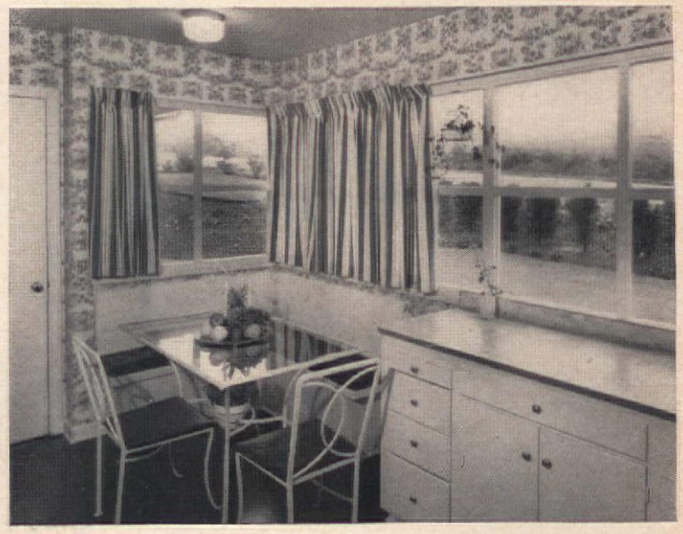
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Its wall of window is new as tomorrow morning, but there is nothing about this room which doesn't welcome the traditional furniture you see here—and show it off to advantage. Notice the wall of shelves, used in this case for a porcelain collection



Its lines happen to be modern, but brick fireplace and knotty pine walls (rubbed a soft green here) are traditional as the furniture. Note that sofas and chairs are arranged into several distinct conversation groups—a good idea in a long room



It may not look like a farmhouse kitchen, but it will be as fondly remembered. It's big and gay and bright, and the light streaming through new-fashioned glass walls makes old-fashioned food look even better. A corner is ideal for a dining area

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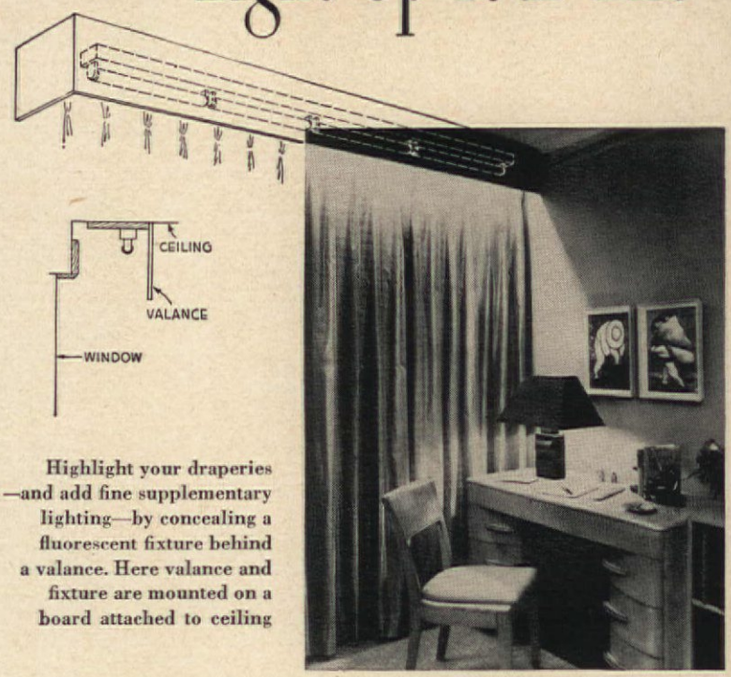
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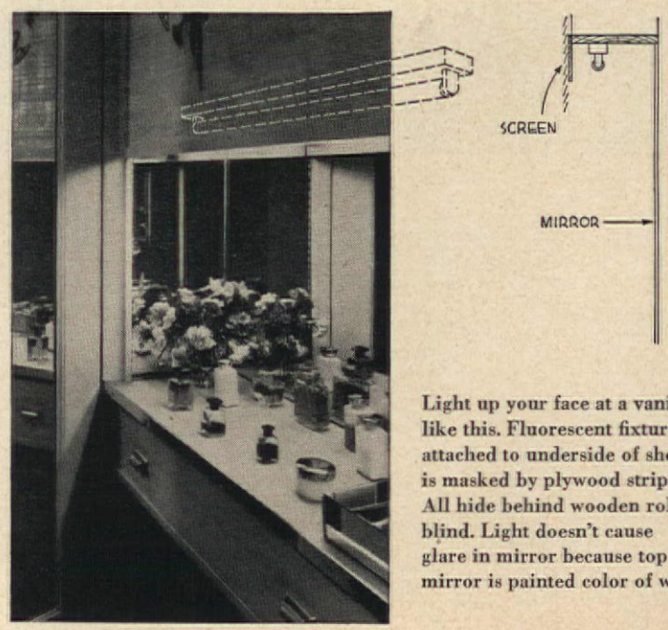
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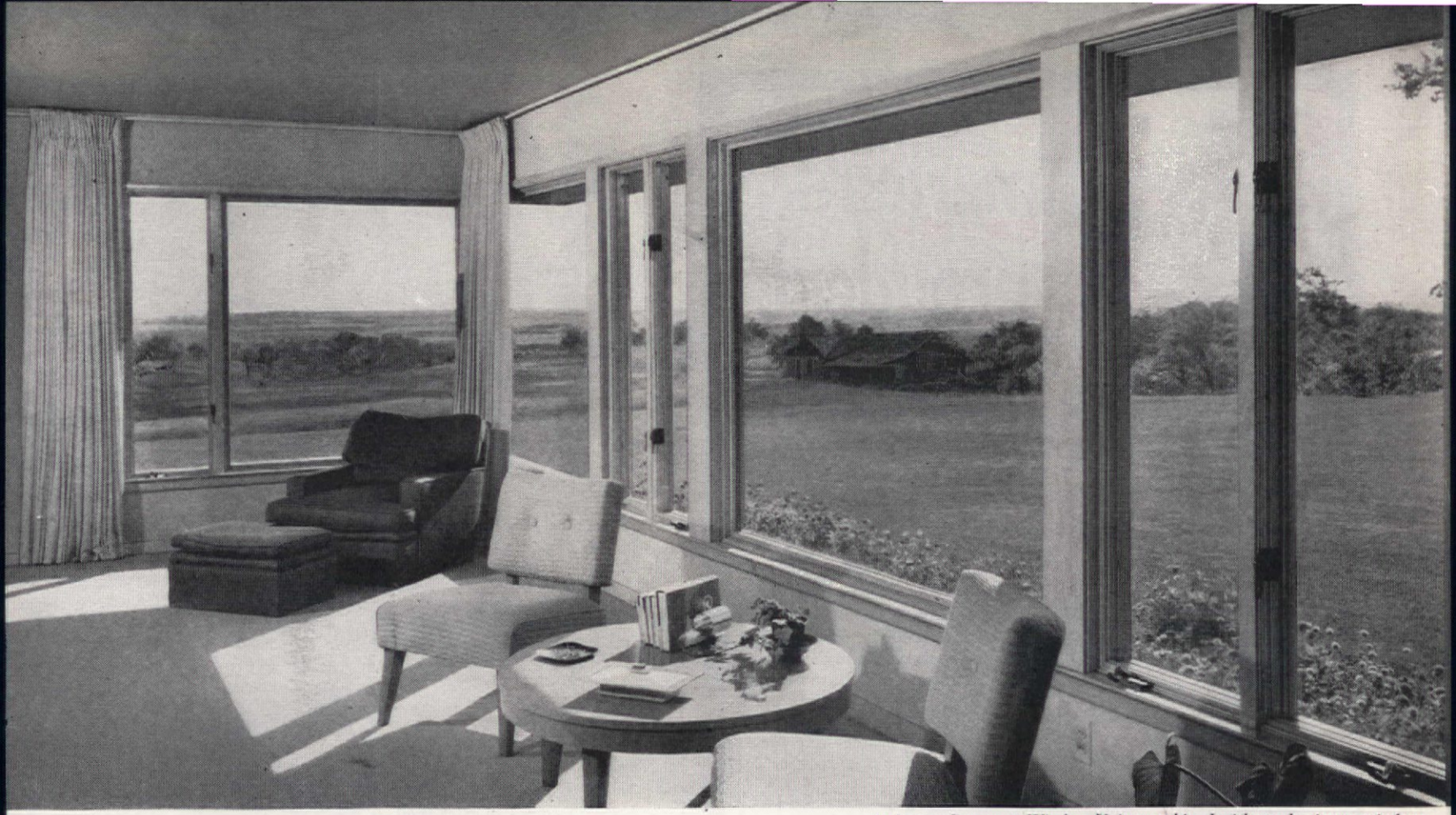
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For service à la carte, notice these tricks. Laminated plastic top becomes an extra shelf if you slide it into those rails above wheels. Deep compartment under the top is equipped with a tray, holds a large supply of food or dishes on which to serve it



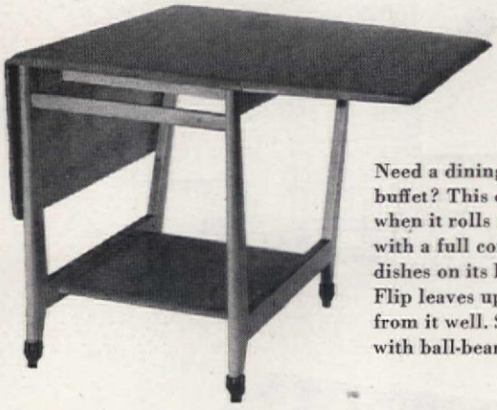


Yes, this is really one cart. Set as above, it is a dining table which can take on your games. But its top is divided, so you can transform it into a bar or tea server. Base is aluminum; stainproof top, Formica in your choice of wood colors

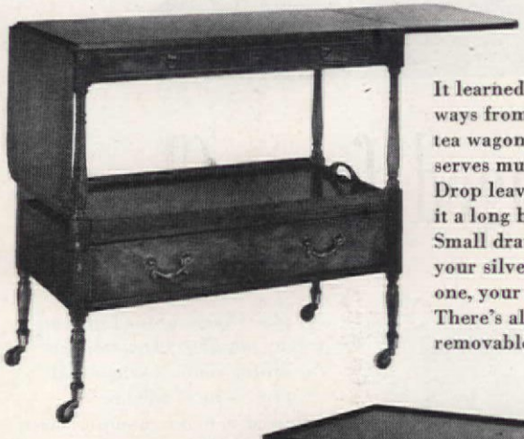
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It rolls so easily, holds so much on its three surfaces that you'll "steal" this cart from yourself for use in several parts of your house. Frame is chrome; top and shelves are enamel. Comes in 5 colors



Need a dining table or extra buffet? This one saves steps when it rolls from the kitchen with a full complement of dishes on its lower shelf. Flip leaves up, and four dine from it well. Solid birch, with ball-bearing casters



It learned wise ways from English tea wagons, but it serves much more. Drop leaves make it a long buffet. Small drawers hold your silver; long one, your linens. There's also a removable tray

Want second helpings to be as kitchen-hot as the firsts? They can be with this electrically heated cart. Plug it in, and coils under glass top go to work. It's perfect for buffets!





Sturdy numbers like this one, which moves on big wheels, are used for more than the serving of food. Of course, it's a tea wagon or bar. But the chrome frame and tough, colored plastic top suit it for between-times service in the kitchen, nursery, or even in your laundry

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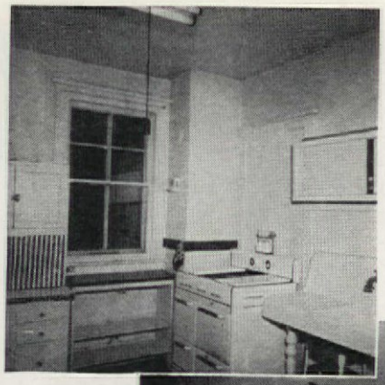
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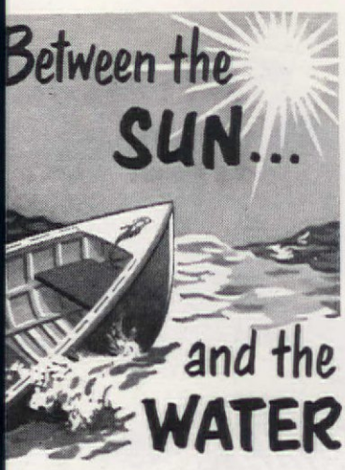
No place to eat in the kitchen meant countless extra steps to the dining room. Useless wall seen in "before" picture was removed to make room for snack bar where Murphys eat snacks and less important meals in shifts. Chair-height stools push under counter when not in use

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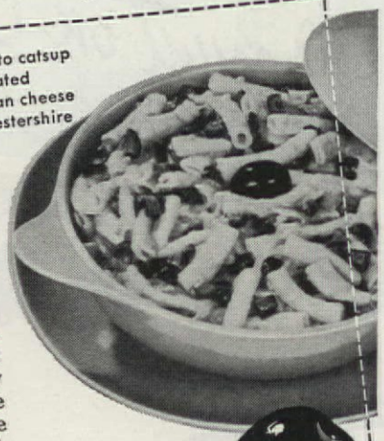
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Our 15-year-old daughter isn't content just to be a normal teen-ager—*she* likes to cook!

When at the age of 12 our first born announced that she was going to bake sugar cookies, we said, "Go ahead," convinced that the thing to do was to let her learn through trial and error.

When she called us to taste the finished product, our feet made tracks in the flour on the kitchen floor, and there was dough all over the oven-door handles. Father's eyes bulged as he downed his child's first culinary efforts, but he muttered, "Um-m-m, they ARE good!"

This was her first baking effort, and we told ourselves she would do better as time went on. And she would have, had she stuck to the recipes on the flour boxes and those she discovered in THE AMERICAN HOME. But this child wasn't satisfied to go by the book. She had ideas for improving everything she cooked.

One day she declared, "Honestly, Mother, I'd just like to spend one week in THE AMERICAN HOME kitchens. I'd show them what a little imagination can do!" That was the day she made blancmange. The original recipe was listless, pale and flabby, she said, so she "fixed it up." The fixed-up job appeared on the table colored blue, flavored with pineapple extract, and deftly topped with cherry spice sauce!

The blancmange just was too much for Father. The light shade of green which spread over his face when he eyed the blue concoction turned to a dark green as the flavors of pineapple and cinnamon sticks mixed with cherry juice fought their way down his gullet.

But there was one person who considered Daughter a marvelous cook. Broad as he is tall, 11-year-old Brother devoured everything she turned out and seemed to like it.

Thus he was the only one who had sufficient courage to remain in the house while she was making foreigners out of plain ordinary oranges. Although the aromas coming from the kitchen seemed anything else but, she informed Brother that "Greek Oranges" were ready to be eaten. Oh, the juice hadn't thickened, and several other things went amiss, but no matter, didn't they look good?

She lost the one and only consumer of her goods when he tasted the oranges and demanded to see the recipe.

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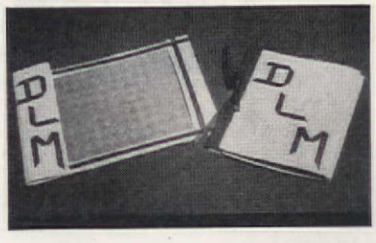
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Off Your Chest

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read this article. However, the very first error I noticed in the first picture was not corrected in the second. I have always been under the impression that the salad fork should be placed on the outside, away from the plate, inasmuch as it is used first.

—ALICE SAMOORIAN

ED: Flat silver is arranged in the order of its use. Since the menu intended here calls for salad course to follow the main course, the position of the salad fork is quite correct as shown in both illustrations.

FAMILIAR VOICE

Dear Editor Seymour:

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—ALBERT WILSON

STILL STUMPED

Dear Editors:

Thought you'd like these comments from A. M. Sowder, Extension Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.:

—C. S. WALTERS

"Dear Charley: So you are the villain or the cause of all the fan mail! In the same mail with your letter of September 25 reporting that you had prepared a stump removal article for THE AMERICAN HOME was a request for Farmer's Bul. 1526 (Clearing Land of Brush and Stumps), with a note that there was such an article in that magazine. Since then, we've had requests for the Bulletin from all corners of the country.

RICH REWARD

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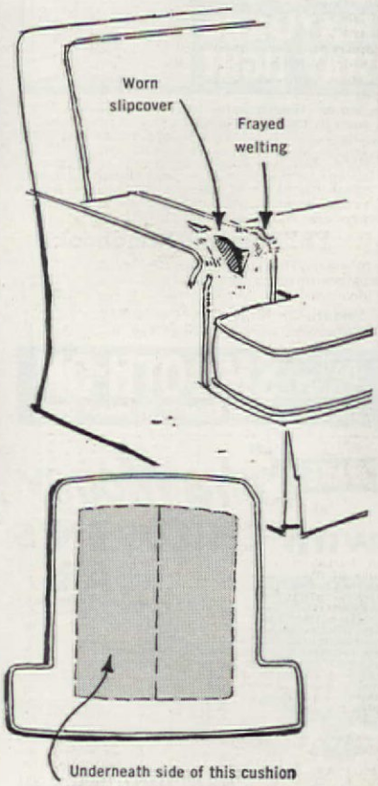
RUTH SEARING

Want to coax another season or two out of your slip covers? The chances are that a little simple surgery to restore the arms will do it. Slip covers don't age uniformly—the arms go the most quickly while the undersides of the cushions and the fabric covered by the cushions retain their youth. The answer is obvious—use these sound, but unseen, sections to repair the worn arms.

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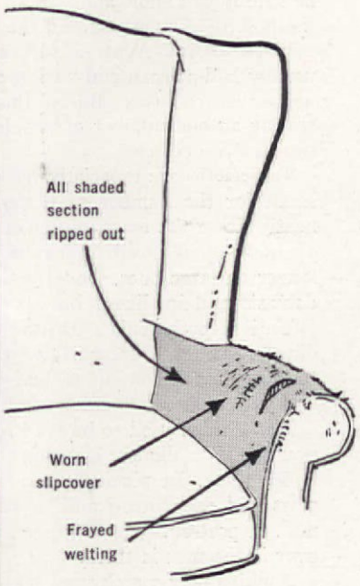
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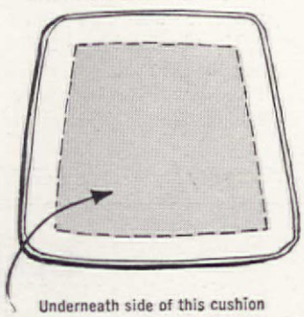
Slip Covers

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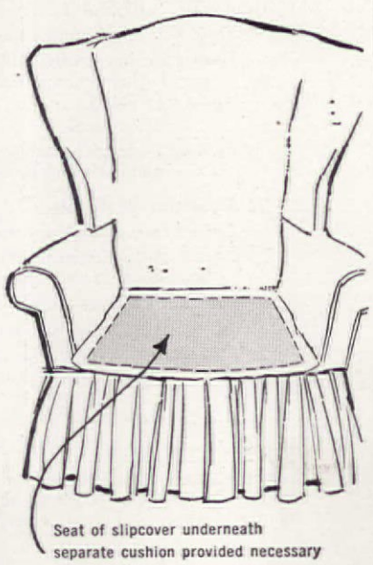
sew together with the cording or zipper foot of your sewing machine. Use any solid-color fabric (even an old sheet) to make a new underside for the cushion.

If both arms of your slip cover are worn, follow the directions below. The underside of the cushion makes one arm, the fabric on the seat, under the cushion, makes the other.





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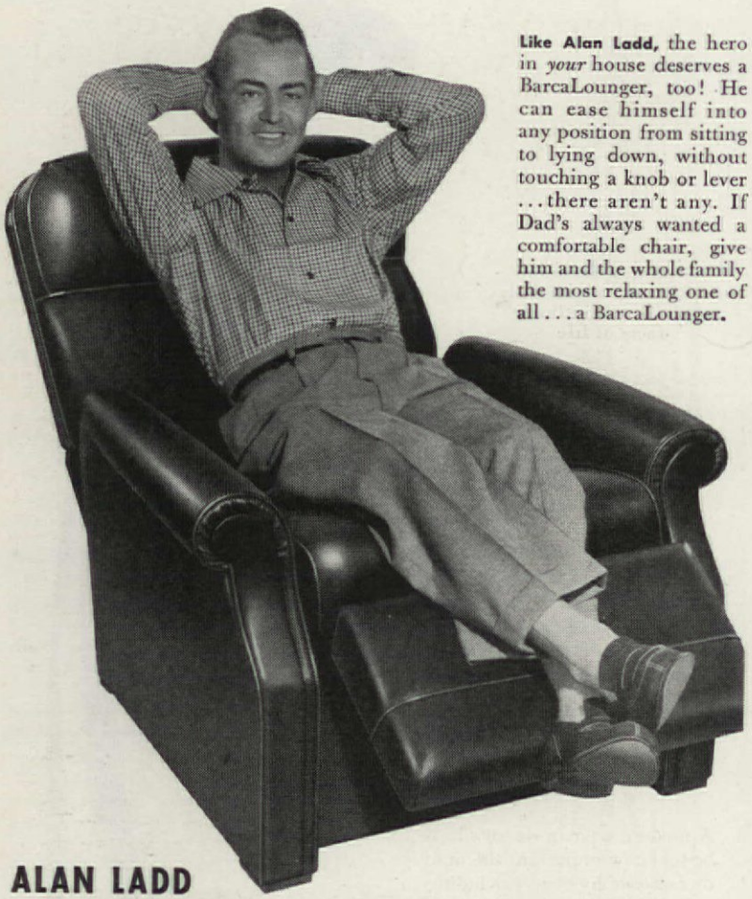
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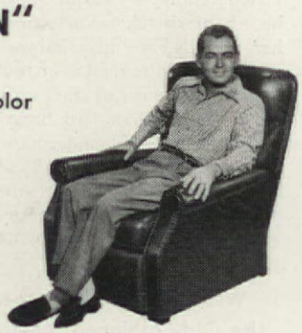
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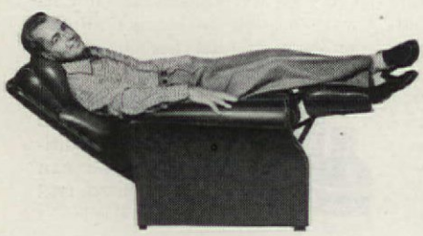


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What's Wrong with This Table?

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reach silver and glasses without fumbling? Are glasses apt to topple over? Can you reach the salt? Would the whole effect of the table please you and put you at your ease?

The table itself needs your consideration first. If the table's surface is part of your setting, is it in good condition? Is the table large enough for the number of people you plan to seat? If it isn't, really, or if its position in the room will make for awkwardness, plan a buffet instead of a sit-down meal. The space needed per person varies with the shape of your table—but you'll be safe if you allow about 24 to 30 inches (with more room near the host if he's carving and the hostess if she's serving).

Place Setting. With a rectangular or oval table, places are usually laid at each end with the balance down the sides, *directly* opposite each other. But if this isn't convenient, or if you are seating an odd number of people, make your own sensible place-setting arrangement.

Tablecloths are especially recommended if your table is a trifle small for the number of places. The middle crease should run neatly down the exact center of the table. An overhang of 10 to 15 inches looks well, though it can be shorter on small tables, longer on large ones. Underpads or silence cloths are used under damasks and fine linens, but *never* use them under lace or organdy.

Until recently, only a pristine white cloth would do for a formal dinner. But few home parties are *that* formal nowadays. Use color to your heart's content so long as it harmonizes with your room and your china, and so long as it is crisp and fresh.

Mats, which used to be for breakfast or luncheon only, now do you proud at dinner. But don't crowd them, and don't use pads under them. In placing your china and glass, try to put each glass and each bread and butter plate entirely on—or off—the mat. A part-on, part-off plate may wobble, and a glass may tip over if the mat is thick.

Napkins may match your mats or cloth, or they may be smart mixers. It doesn't matter which if they look well colorwise and are well ironed and folded.

Now bear with us for a few minutes. We're going to tell you how to fold and place napkins—and it won't make gay reading. But we will furnish answers to questions many of you have been asking. Simple foldings are in the best taste, and they're easiest.

HERE'S HOW TO JUDGE

LESSON III: Execution

(Highest Possible Score 25 Points)

1. Choice of Table Itself ..... (2)
   - *Size:* Is it large enough for number of places?
   - *Shape:* In this setting, will people at table be comfortable? Is there enough leg room? Elbow room?
   - *Finish:* If surface shows, does it look well with linen and china used?
   - *Period:* Is design of table compatible with table setting materials and room?
2. Table Setting Materials ..... (21)
   - *Linen:* Does it look well on this table in this setting?
   - *China:* Are plates properly placed in relation to each other and regard to their pattern?
   - *Glass:* Are glasses placed correctly and conveniently?
   - *Silver:* Is it properly placed? (Conveniently?)
   - *Centerpiece:* Do container and arrangement look well in this setting? Do they interfere with cross conversation?
   - *Other Accessories:* Are there enough but not too many?
3. *General Effect:* Is it trim, functional? (Express charm?) ..... (2)

Points given in parentheses show highest score that any element can receive. In your own judging you will, of course, score down each element according to your judgment as to its degree of perfection.

The conventional square or oblong, good at any time with big napkins, is best for dinner. If it's a really formal affair, center the napkin on the place plate (the oblong should go across the center vertically). For less formal meals, put the napkin across the place plate or to the left of the forks with open corners pointing towards the plate (it's easiest to use that way). However, if your china and silver are very ornate, and if your napkin has a decorated corner or border, place the napkin to the left of the forks with the decoration on the left, away from the plate.

Big napkins (22 inches or larger) are simplest folded in thirds from left to right, then in thirds again from top to bottom. For the long, soft roll, fold in thirds from left to right, then in half from top to bottom, and over again from left to right. Use it on or off the plate. The new "lapkins" or "matkins" form a long narrow roll if you fold them in half, then in thirds.

Luncheon size or smaller napkins look well with a triangular fold. Place corners away from the plate, and don't press the diagonal fold.

Pointed folds make a nice variation: fold the napkin in half, then in half again, and turn in two opposite corners. If you turn the top under before you turn in the corners, you'll have a napkin with a straight top and pointed bottom.

If your linen is initialed or monogrammed, the location of the marking may determine how you fold your napkin. Very large damask napkins are often marked in the center, and should be folded so the marking is centered. Smaller napkins (and sometimes large ones) are marked in the corner. Fold your napkins so that the marking shows to best advantage.

China. A place plate (you can use an ornamental service plate or a standard dinner plate) goes at each setting. Put it about one inch from the edge of the table, and if its design has a top and bottom, place it so the bottom is toward the edge of the table. The first course, on a smaller plate of its own, goes on top of the service plate, and so does the soup plate which follows.

The bread and butter plate goes to the left of the place plate, above the forks. It's taboo at really formal dinners.

Glasses. If you use only a water tumbler or goblet, place it about an inch above the tip of the dinner knife. If you're serving other beverages in glasses, you have your choice of several arrangements. There's the triangle, with goblet as above, large wine to its right, and the small wine in front of the other two glasses, just above the spoon. Or try a diagonal, with goblet as above and other glasses marching to the right and toward the edge of the table, placed in order of size. You may also have a straight military row, with goblet above the place plate, and other glasses lined up to its right in order of size. Nowadays, at home parties, one or two wineglasses are the limit—and many a gracious dinner

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A TABLE SETTING

LESSON I: Appropriateness of Materials Used
(Lesson I—September 1951) (Highest possible score, 25 points)

LESSON II: Color Coordination of Materials Used
(Lesson II—November 1951) (Highest possible score, 20 points)

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LESSON IV: Originality and Appeal
(Highest possible score, 20 points)

This Lesson will discuss:

1. Novelty and imagination.....(10)
2. Artistic perfection .....(10)

LESSON V: Suitability to Occasion
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1. Continuity of theme..... (5)
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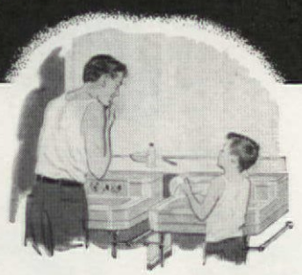
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What's Wrong?

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boasts only a single good wine—or none. Fill glasses ¾ths full.

Silver is laid in a neat parallel arrangement, with tips of the handles in line with the edge of the place plate. Don't let them sprawl! The rules make common sense—you put the knives and spoons on the right because you use them with your right hand, so forks naturally go on the left. The exception is the oyster fork which goes on the right—you use it with the right hand at the beginning of the meal, and it balances the setting. Dessert fork and spoon, and coffee spoon come to the table when these courses are served.

When you set your table, place only the silver you'll need, and place it in order of use, with the last piece to be used nearest the plate. Thus, if salad is served after the meat or with it, the salad fork goes nearest the plate, to the right of the meat fork. But if salad is your first course, the salad fork is on the left of the meat fork. Be sure that knives have their cutting edges toward the plate—they're ready to use that way. The butter spreader goes on the bread and butter plate, across the top, or straight up and down. When serving at the table, have serving forks and spoons on the table near the serving dish, never *in* the food before it is served.

The centerpiece allows you to have fun and use your imagination. It may be in the center of the table or, if it won't interfere with the diners, at either end. Make it of flowers, fruit, ornaments, or whatever ties in with your special-occasion theme. Use your own good taste and sense of design—but please, no overpowering funereal arrangements, and nothing so high that it interferes with conversation across the table! Candles are optional, but light them if you have them on the table. If you use them as the only source of light, allow one per guest; if there is other light, one for every two guests. Make sure that the candles are high enough not to shine into the diners' eyes, and place them next to the centerpiece or wherever they look handsomest and do the most good without interfering with the diners' comfort.

Other Accessories. Provide only those which do a job, and let your space dictate how many. Don't clutter your table with them! Provide enough salt dishes and pepper shakers for everyone to reach easily. If there's smoking at your table, each diner should be able to reach an ash tray.

Buffet suppers are so rapidly replacing the sit-down meal in our way of entertaining that most hostesses are disregarding the strict traditions for such tables and combining their common sense with artistry in setting them. We'll discuss them in a general way in a future article.



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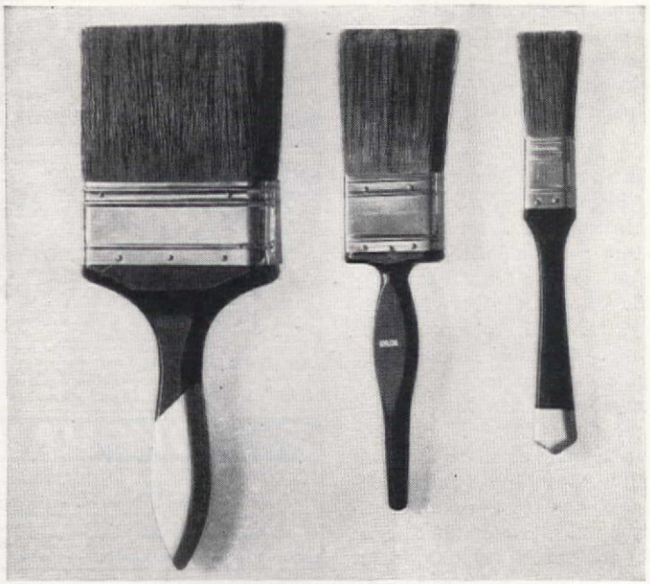
HOW TO BUY A Paintbrush

Our local hardware dealer, George, is a swell guy who has never given me a wrong steer. But the day may come when I'll have to buy things without his advice—things like paintbrushes, for instance. So I've been getting the "dope" from George. If there is no "George" in your town, you'll find this advice useful, too.

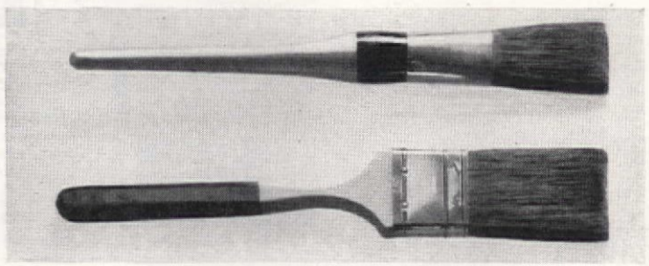
First, look at the bristles—they're the most important part of a brush, and it's the bristles which account for the fact that one 4-in. brush may cost less than $1, and another, more than $20. First, you should know what *kind* of bristles you're buying. For house painting, hog bristles are traditionally best—they have the right flexibility and they carry paint well. When a brush is cheapened, horse hairs or grasses may be mixed with the hog bristles. Such fillers don't wear well, but they're hard to detect—you have to rely upon the reputation of the manufacturer. An all-nylon brush will do an excellent job for the amateur house painter if you're careful to keep it away from phenolic solvents.

Make sure that you're getting *all* the bristles you think you're buying. If you part the bristles of most brushes, you'll see a wood plug (perhaps two plugs in the case of a large brush). Such plugs give the brush a hollow center which holds the paint—that's good. But sometimes the plug is extra-large, which means that you get fewer bristles—and that's bad. In top-quality brushes, the plug is only 1/10 the size of the whole brush base. On poor brushes, the plug is apt to be ½ the size of the base. If the plug covers 40 per cent or less of the base, the brush will be satis-

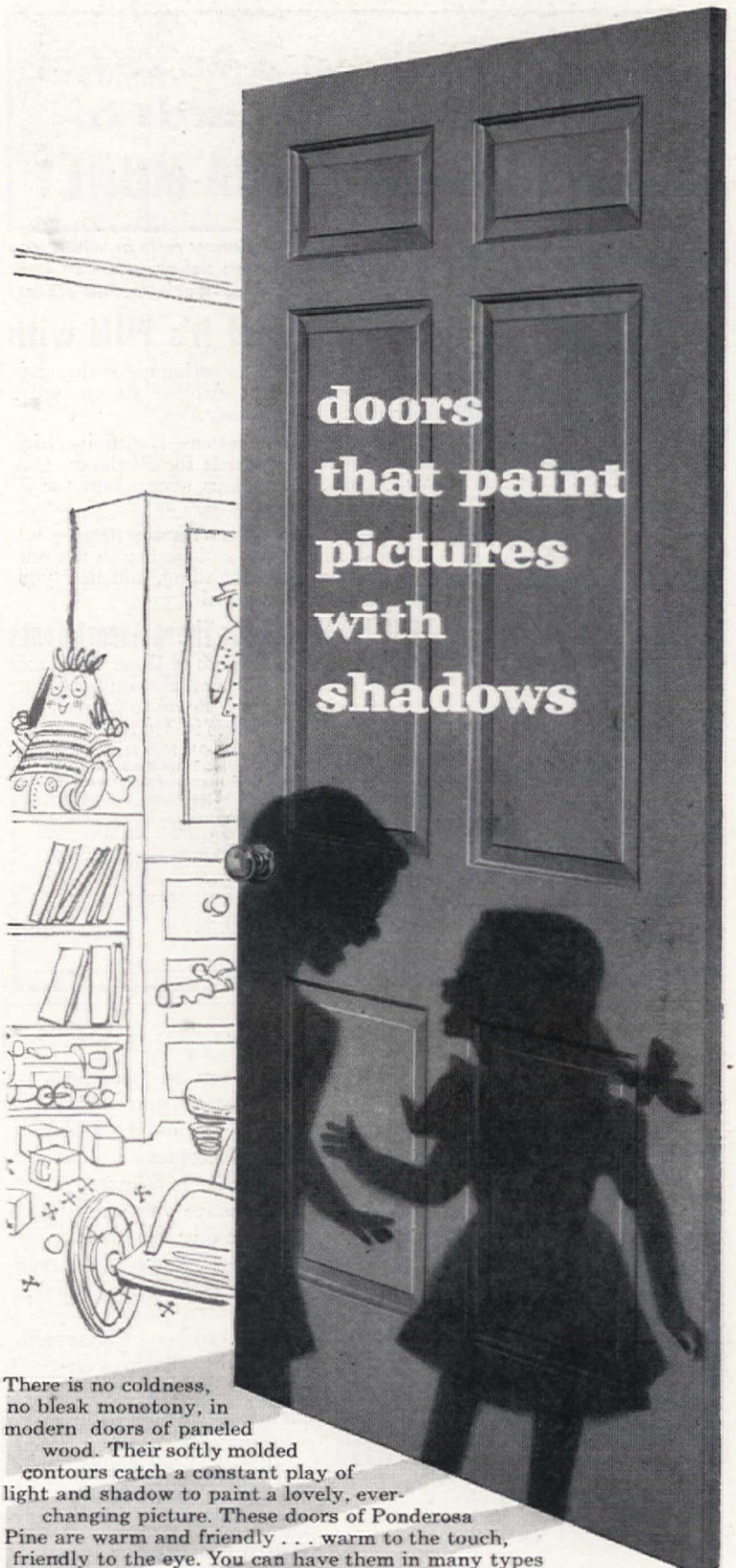
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You'll be ready for most home painting jobs if you own these three sizes: A 1-in. brush for details, a 2-in. brush for furniture, a 4-in. brush for walls. Any comfortable handle shape is good



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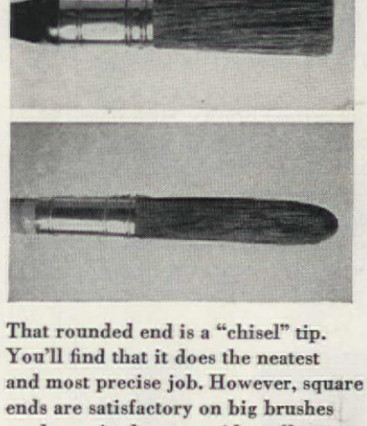
Buy a Paintbrush

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factory for jobs around the house.

The bristle length is also important. The longer the bristle, the more pliable the brush, and the better its paint-holding capacities. A longer bristle also gives a brush longer life. However, long bristles are costly, and non-professionals don't need them. For adequate paint-retention and flexibility, a 1-in. brush should have bristles 2-in. long; a 2-in. brush should have 2½-in. bristles; a 4-in. brush, 3½-in. bristles.

For smooth painting, bristles should be tapered, and short ones should be mixed with longer ones. For fine work,



That rounded end is a "chisel" tip. You'll find that it does the neatest and most precise job. However, square ends are satisfactory on big brushes used to paint large outside wall areas

buy a brush with a rounded "chisel" tip. For large areas of outside walls, a large brush with a square end is satisfactory, but you'll need a smaller, tapered one for corners and edges.

Handle shapes and sizes vary considerably. However, so long as the handle fits comfortably in your hand, its shape doesn't matter.

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So start your painting kit with the three basic brushes, and add others as you need them. When buying, look at the plug size and the bristle length. For smooth painting, look for a chisel tip. Make sure that the manufacturer is reliable, and select a good hog bristle or a nylon brush. Don't spend a fortune on a brush you need only for a small job. And once you have a brush, take good care of it, keep it clean and pliable, and it will give you long and good service.

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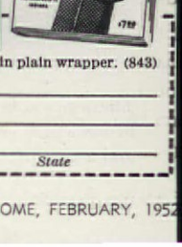
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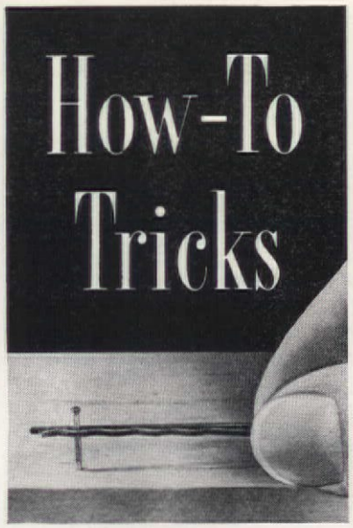
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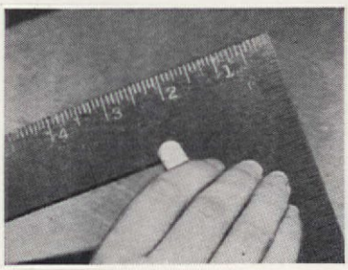
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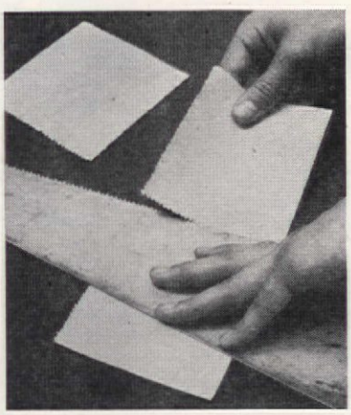
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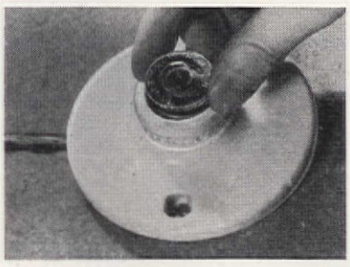
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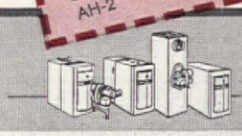
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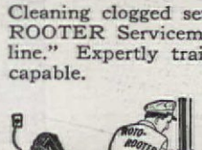
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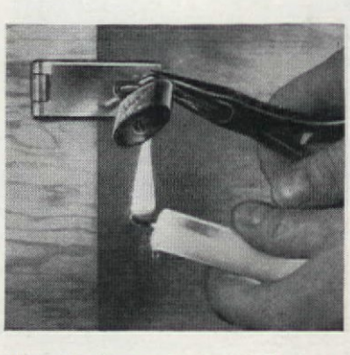
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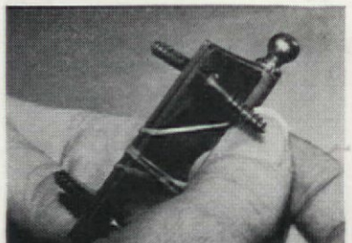
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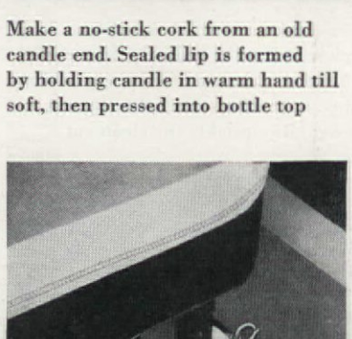
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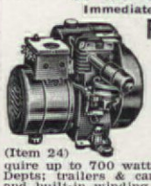
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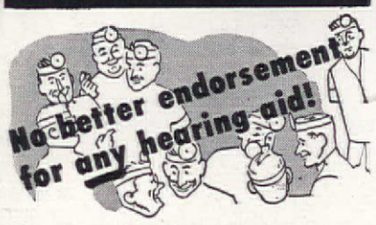
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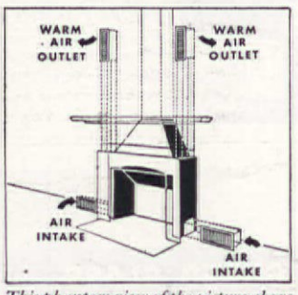
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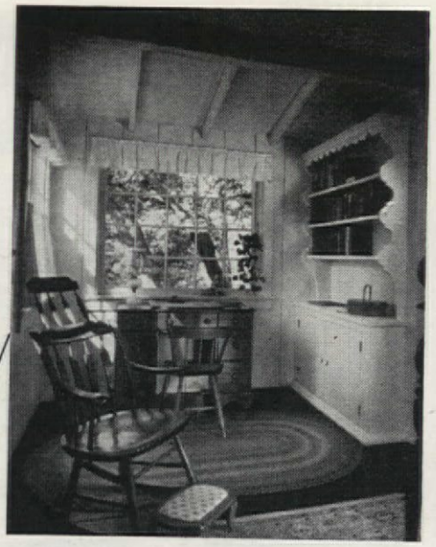
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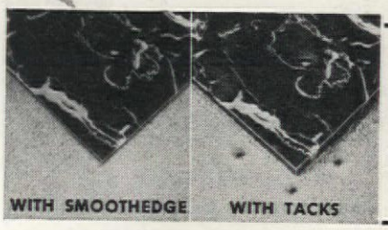
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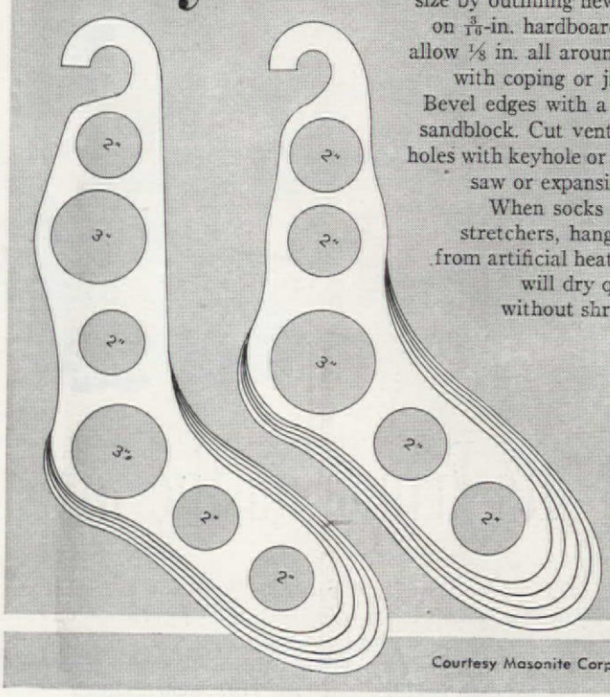
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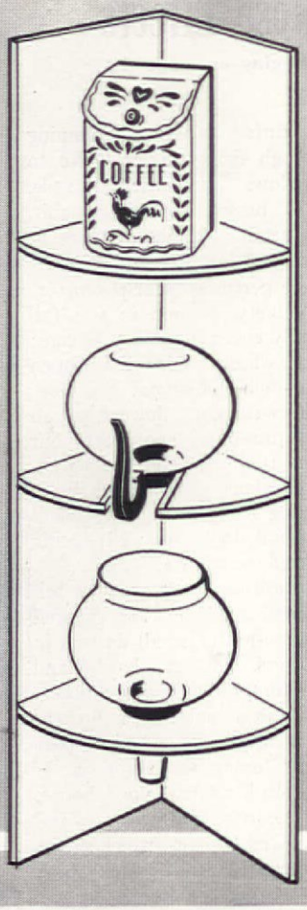
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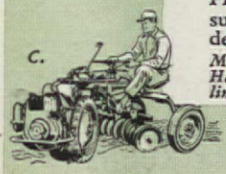


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BI-COLOR: June Morn, yellow outside, carmine within, and unusually tolerant of shade; Flash, usually listed as red, but with bright yellow on the reverse of its petals.

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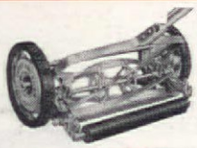
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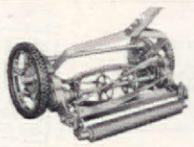
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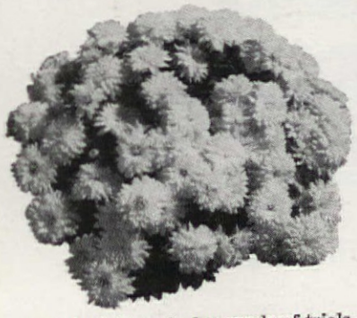
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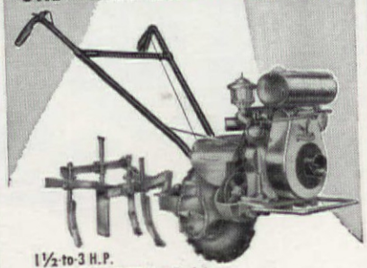


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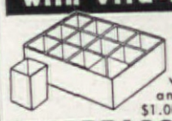
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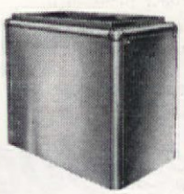
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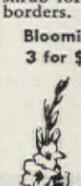


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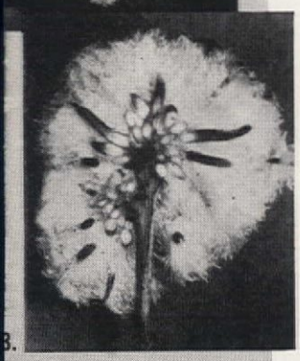
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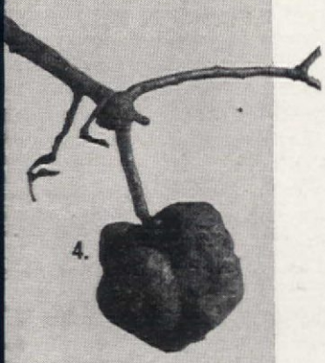
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If you have noticed on the stems and leaves of trees and other plants strange swellings or growths like these, and if you've wondered what they were, and how caused, then you have but followed in the footsteps of generations of nature students. The answer to the "what" part of the question is easy. Each object is a gall, that's all—a gall caused by an insect stinging (usually in connection with egg-laying) the affected part at an early, tender stage of its growth. Even that was not known until long after people first noticed them. The Roman naturalist Pliny discovered that each gall contained at some time one or more living creatures. But his guess, says Dr. F. E. Lutz, in his *Field Book of Insects,* was that the growths developed overnight and that the insects were merely feeding on them. Not until late in the 17th century did the scientist Malpighi connect galls with the wounding of the plant tissue by insects, and suggest that something introduced at that time caused the abnormal growth—much as a bee sting may cause swelling in an animal. As yet, says Dr. Lutz, "we have no better explanation of the origin of galls." And how it happens—what the potent material is and how it acts—is still a mystery.

Strangely enough, although there are thousands of kinds of galls, each develops according to a pattern identified with the particular species or variety of insect causing it. Thus experts can tell at a glance what kind of insect was responsible for a particular gall. It might be any of a vast number, including members of the mite, aphid, moth, fly,

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1. Gall on an elm leaf
2. The woolly oak gall
3. The same cut in half
4. Hard as wood, this one
5. Thin-shelled oak gall
6. And its fibrous core

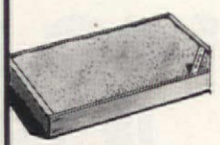
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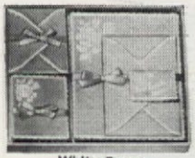


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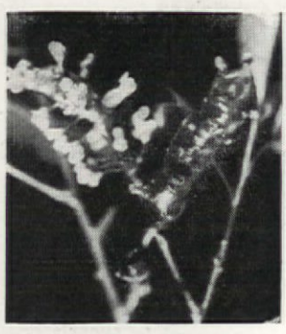
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A willow cone-gall, intact and cut open

or wasp families, practically all of them very, very small. While galls on trees—especially oaks, but also maples, willows, hickories and others—are most often seen, there are many other host plants including berries, roses, goldenrod and other weeds, grasses, even ferns and fungi. Fortunately, except for the disfiguring effect, plants of garden or economic value are rarely injured by them. So control measures are, ordinarily, not called for; if used, they must be given at a specific time, and *before* the galls appear. For example, the small, red, blister-like swellings seen in midsummer on the underside of maple leaves are caused by tiny mites, but the adults must be killed with a dormant lime-sulphur spray (1 part in 10 of water) when first active in late winter and early spring before they lay their eggs in the unfolding leaves. If larger galls, like the brown "oak-apples," the handsome, pink-tinged, white woolly oak galls, the willow cone- or tip-galls, and the woody galls of wild cherry, are numerous, it might pay to collect and burn them, hoping that more insects have not yet emerged from them.

Some galls are actually of use to man. Nodules (caused by bacteria) on the roots of peas and other legumes store up nitrogen from the air and release it to the soil when they decay. Oak galls contain chemicals such as gallotannic acid used in industry and medicine. And some of us remember decorative uses to which galls collected in the woods were put—gilded as ornaments, or threaded on cords to make doorway curtains.



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Tips on Growing Sweet Peas

JAY VAUGHN

Sweet peas seem to be the forgo ten flower in all too many ga dens. Yet almost everyone a mires the delicate pastel beauty, a enjoys the fresh fragrance of t graceful multitinted blossoms. The blend attractively in arrangemen with roses, babys-breath, sweet aly sum, and other small flowers, or wit sprigs of green; they are favored f corsages and table decorations.

Why is so popular a flower omitte from so many gardens? Well, wh don't *you* grow sweet peas? Perha you say, "I just can't make the grow"; or "That trench plantin sounds like too much trouble"; "I never get around to preparing th ground in the fall." You may assum that they are really greenhouse flow ers and require a magic touch.

Pish! and tush! Sweet peas are hardy garden annual; trench-plan ing is no longer advised; and fa soil preparation, though decidedl advantageous, is essential only whe fall planting is necessary. You ca have sweet peas blooming profusel for weeks in your own backyard you will observe a few simple direc tions. Start by planting the see *early*—that's the primary success fac tor. Early means January or befor in California and the Deep South October in the Southwest, southern Texas, and southern Florida; Marc or April in the Northwest; and "a soon as the ground can be worked i spring" for other sections.

The first steps in planting a choosing a location and preparing th soil. Since sweet peas grow from to 8 feet tall, they are appropriat background flowers; they can be use as a division between vegetable an flower garden, or as a border at th end of a small garden. They requir a deeply worked, fertile soil that i moist but well-drained and preferably in an open, sunny spot; but I hav grown them successfully in a dapple or lightly shaded location. It is bes to work humus (partially decaye animal and vegetable matter) an well-rotted manure (if you can get it into the soil to a depth of at least foot. Or commercial fertilizer can b substituted for the manure. Sprinkl a light or liberal dressing of lime o the topsoil depending on its acidity if you are uncertain, make it liberal

Since the vines require suppor when they are a few inches high, i is easiest to place wire, brush, or commercial string-trellis support an *then* plant the seed, 3 in. apart i 3-in. furrows, on each side of it

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Sweet Peas

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When the vines are about 8 in. high, a feeding of liquid manure or nitrate of soda is beneficial; for best results, repeat at four-week intervals. The tendrils will generally catch on to the support, but to help and control the vines, a few "Twist-ems" are handy. When flowers appear, keep them picked before they go to seed and complete the plant's cycle.

Liberal weekly watering should be done during dry weather. Having enjoyed profuse blooming for a full eight weeks, I've concluded that mulch and sufficient moisture will induce plants to bloom right through hot weather. Where water is a problem, *plenty* of humus in the soil and a *heavy* mulch on top will catch and hold maximum moisture.

Sweet peas have given me less insect and disease trouble than most other annuals. The Japanese beetle is the greatest nuisance, but spraying with Methoxychlor, Chlordane, Lindane, or DDT will kill them; I favor flipping them into a can of kerosene and water in the late afternoon when they are sluggish. I also watch for aphids, those variously colored sucking insects, which are controlled with contact insecticides such as nicotine sulphate, rotenone, and pyrethrum.

Experimenting with sweet peas in partial shade, I once made the mistake of planting them under an apple tree. A few vines soon dried up and died of a fungus that affects apples. I immediately destroyed them and, though the rest flourished unaffected by the fungus, I chose a different location for my next planting.

Red spiders may bother in hot dry weather, but dusting sulphur can be used against them when the temperature is below 85° F. Or use a strong upward spray of water. Control mildew, which turns leaves whitish during damp spells, by applying dusting sulphur (at 3-day intervals) and giving better air circulation, and less water. After the vines have stopped blooming, destroy them and, if possible, use a different location for the next season's planting.

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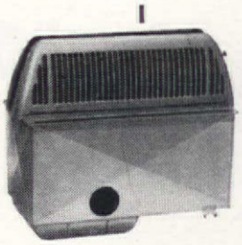
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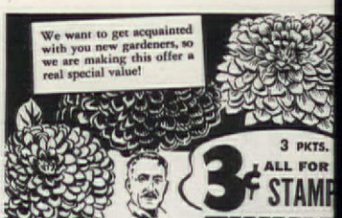
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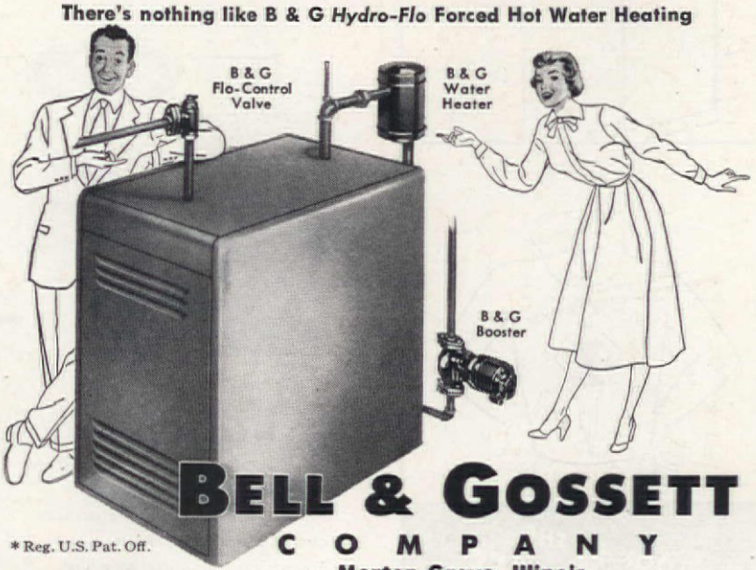


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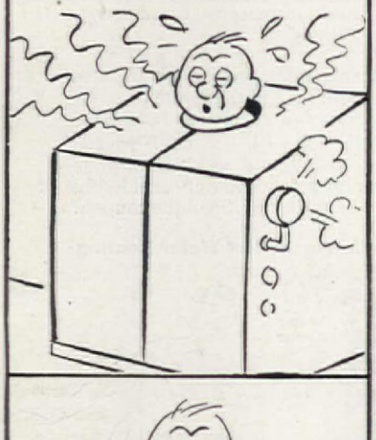
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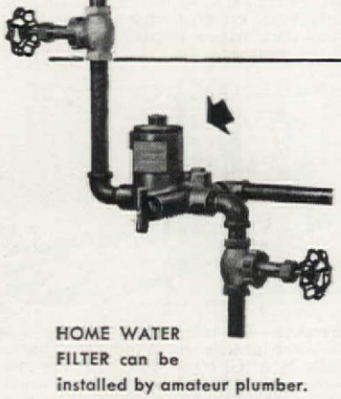


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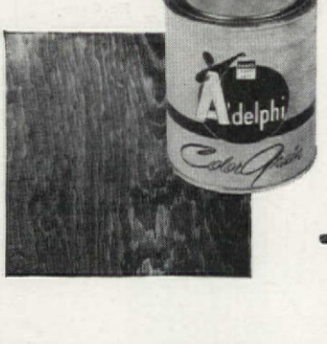
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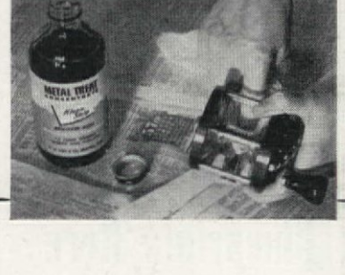


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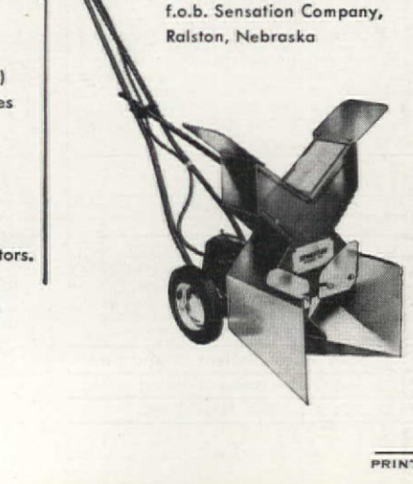
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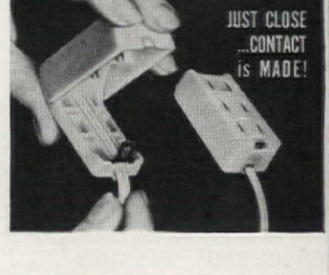


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